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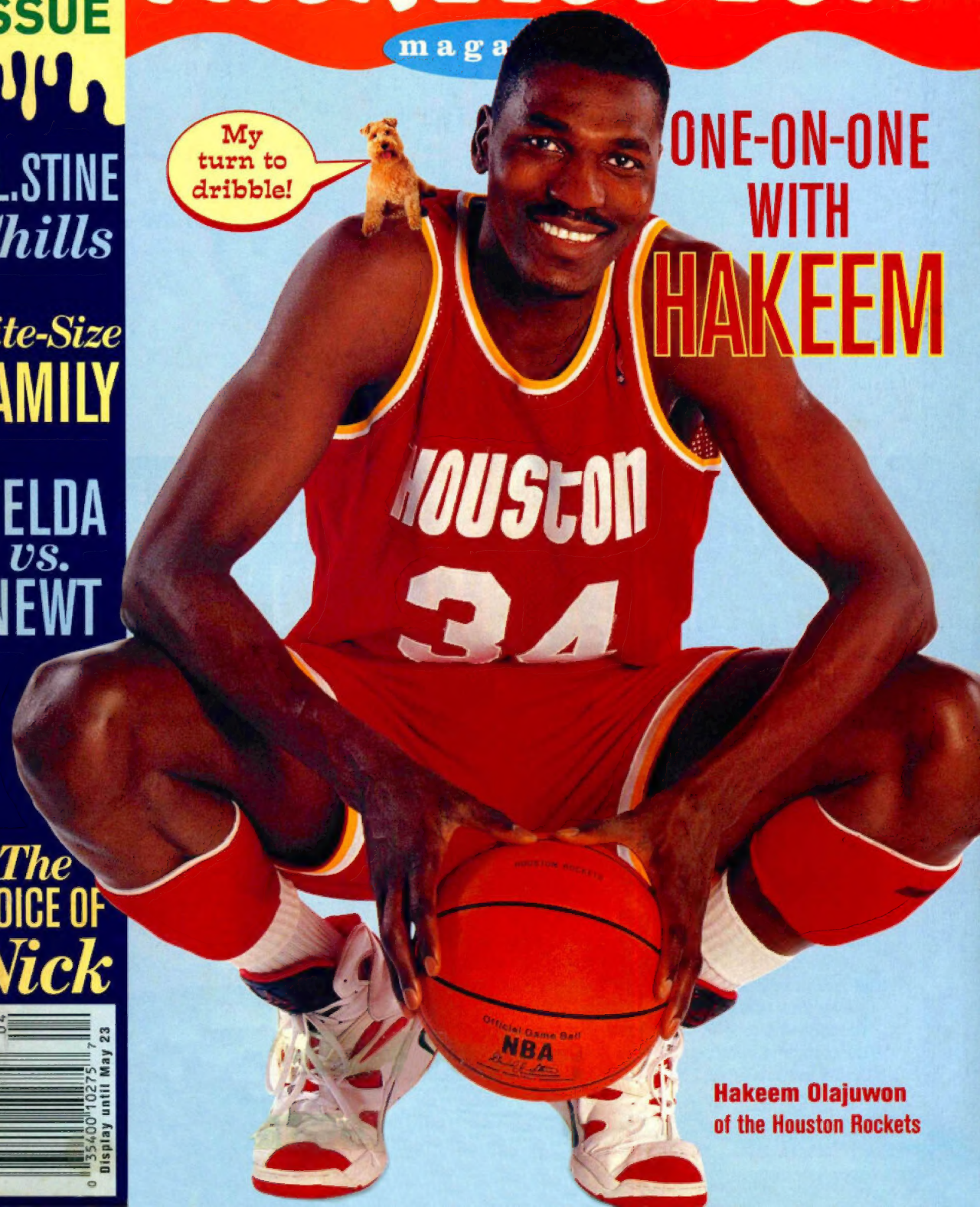
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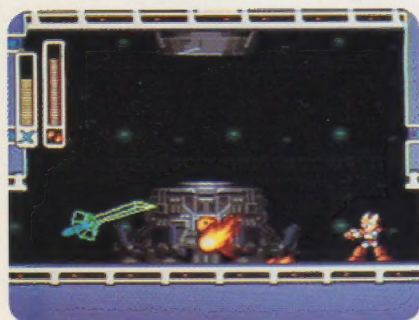


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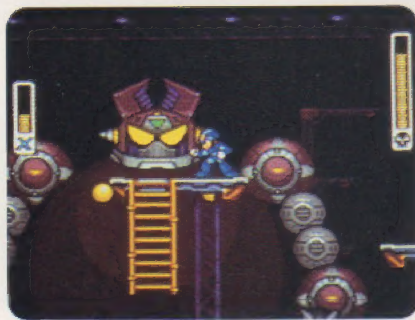




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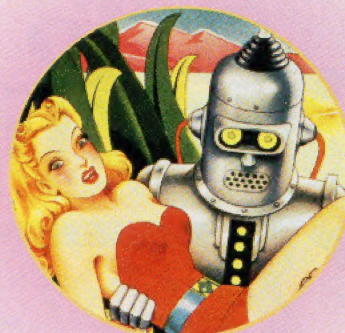
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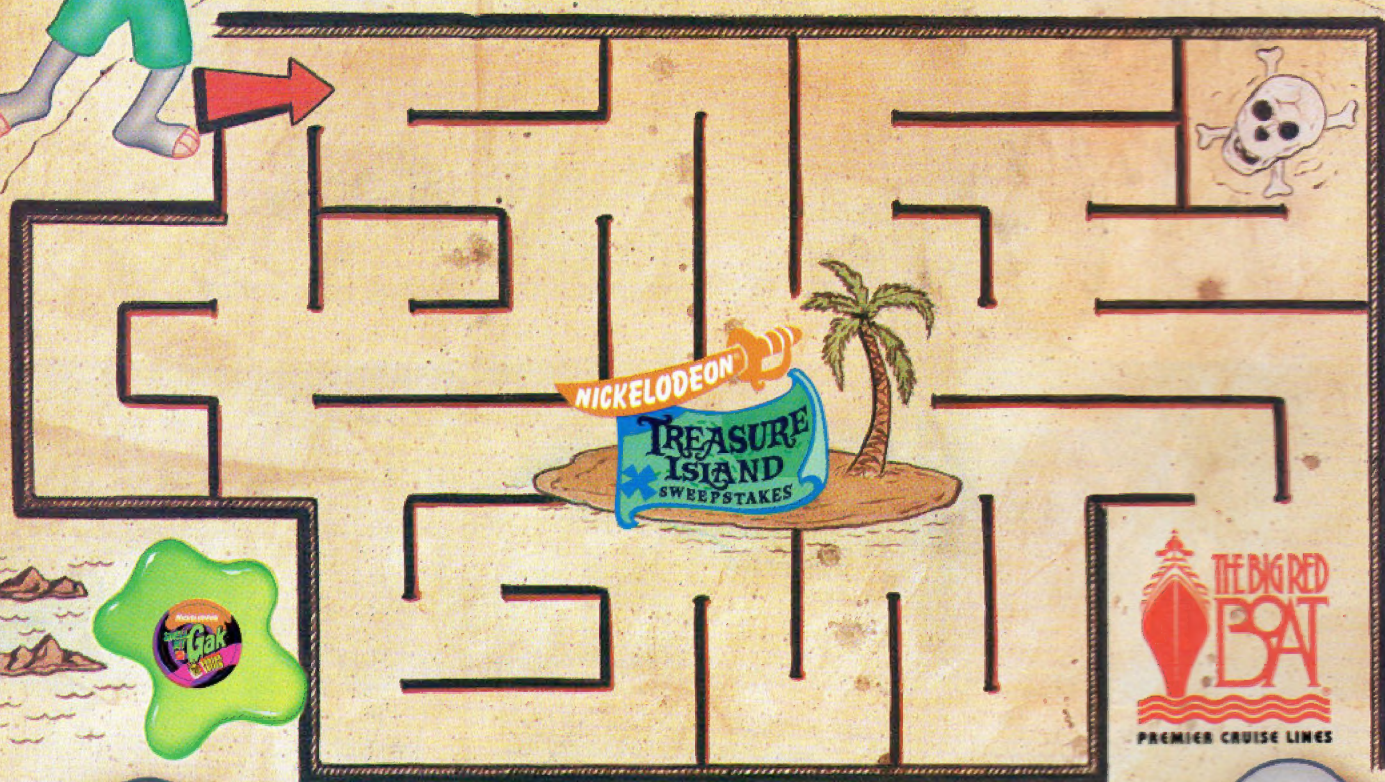


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# Ask the Boss Lady



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## Do you ever play pranks on people?

I come from a family of pranksters. I remember when I was growing up, that if a party was really dead, my aunt would walk through with toilet paper on her heel and pretend nothing was wrong. My mother once played an April Fools' Day prank on me. She served me mashed potatoes covered with hot fudge sauce, and told me it was ice cream. I fell for it. It tasted awful and I spit it out! These days, I like playing pranks on my nieces and nephews. And, sometimes they help me play pranks on other adults. We like to put plastic insects on their parents' food.

## What was your favorite meal as a kid?

I thought artichokes were about the coolest thing. Artichokes and steak.

## What's the weirdest name you ever had for a pet?

I had a dog, a mutt, named Yellow Billy Multiply. My sister tried to give the dog the most exotic name she could think of. She was in kindergarten, and thought multiplication was very cool. Yellow Billy Multiply was the ugliest dog I've ever seen.

## If a UFO came to your house tonight and wanted to take you away, would you be scared?

Yes, I'd be terrified. I would also be totally shocked. I would wonder how I could not have believed in UFOs.

## How did you get your first name?

I was named for my Aunt Geraldine and my Uncle Gerald. They were twins. There are six "Gerry's" in my family—cousins, aunts, and uncles. My family calls me Gerry Ann. Our family reunions are very confusing, because when someone yells out "Gerry!" a lot of people answer.

I'm being promoted for the space program.

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# whatever we want



From all of us here at Mission Control, welcome to the Space Issue.

Your voyage to the final frontier begins on page 9.

## Planetary Plates

In the U.S., many states put a slogan on their license plates. For instance, North Carolina's license plates say, "First in Flight," and Illinois' say, "Land of Lincoln."

If states have slogans, then why shouldn't planets? Here are our suggestions.

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Mercury	When you're hot, you're hot!
Earth	Third from the sun, first in fun
Mars	Stop here on red
Jupiter	Dense, intense, and immense
Saturn	Give us a ring
Uranus	All it's cracked up to be
Neptune	You'll have a gas!
Pluto	Worth the trip

## Attention, Earthlings!

What is the origin of the word "Earth"?

All the other planets are named after Greek or Roman gods and goddesses. But where does the name "Earth" come from? Choose the explanation below that you think is the correct one.

The word "Earth" comes from:

- 1 Bronze-Age trolls who believed that the ground heard everything. They called the planet "Ears." After many centuries, that name became "Earth."
- 2 Martians who used our planet as a vacation spot millions of years ago. They called it E.A.R.T.H. (Extraterrestrial and Alien Resort Town and Hotel).
- 3 The astronomer Copernicus, who had a girlfriend named Eartha. Eartha always wanted to be the center of attention, so he named the planet for her.
- 4 It's an old Germanic word for soil.

Answer on page 60.

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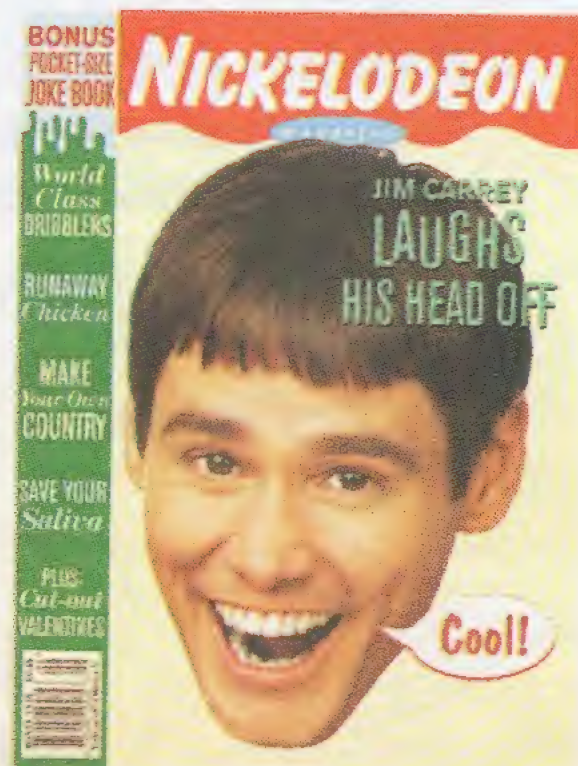
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To get ready for our space section, see if you can master this moon quiz. Circle the correct letter for each question. Answers on page 60.



1

How long has it been since astronauts walked on the moon?

- a. 2 years
- b. 23 years
- c. Many moons

2

Which of the following is the name of a mountain range on the moon?

- a. Space Mountains
- b. The Radar Range
- c. The Alps

3

What games have astronauts played on the moon?

- a. Golf
- b. Running Craters
- c. Monkey in the Middle

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The side of the moon we never see from Earth is called:

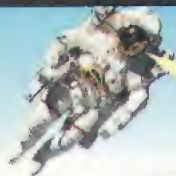
- a. The far side
- b. The near side
- c. The other side

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How many times have human beings landed on the moon?

- a. 12
- b. 6
- c. Never—the landings were filmed at *Star Trek* studios.





What did the alien say to the gardener?

Take me to your weeder.



Why do astronauts enjoy liftoff?

Because it's always a blast.



# Who Gets the Window Seat?



## Getting Down to Earth with Astronauts

Humans have been soaring into space since 1961. **NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's** Robin Sayers spoke to three American astronauts and got them to answer some out-of-this-world questions.

**R**

### Colonel Kevin P. Chilton



Col. Chilton was the pilot on two *Endeavour* space shuttle missions in 1992 and 1994. He has logged almost 500 hours in space and has orbited the Earth 324 times.

**Nickelodeon Magazine:** What's your favorite thing about being in space?

**Kevin Chilton:** Floating. It's fun to fly around the cockpit like a bird.

**NM:** Has anyone ever played a trick on you up there?

**KC:** Yes! On one flight, my commander put a fake snake in my locker. I'm afraid of snakes. I didn't let him know I'd found it. Instead, I put it in his locker, because I knew he was afraid of snakes, too.

**NM:** What's your best memory about being in space?

**KC:** My first sunrise on my first flight. We had launched into darkness, and then came the sunrise. It was incredible.

**NM:** Do astronauts fight for the window seats?

**KC:** That's everyone's favorite spot. There are always lots of noses pressed up against them.

**NM:** Do you get homesick up there?

**KC:** I miss my family.

**NM:** Are you allowed to call home?

**KC:** Yes, if your flight is longer than 10 days. My second flight lasted 11 days, so I got to call.

**NM:** Does it get too hot or cold inside the shuttle?

**KC:** It's very comfortable. You can wear short-sleeve shirts and shorts.

**NM:** The Moonwalk was a very popular dance, but



Could I hang my head out the window?





Why can astronauts always get Dracula back in his coffin?

Because they always get a countdown.



Why did the chicken cross the galaxy?

Because she needed more space.



**Mission Accomplished:** Kevin Chilton (second from left) and the rest of the *Endeavour* crew after landing in 1992.

was it scientifically accurate?

**KC:** That dance was pretty cool, but that's not the way people walk on the moon. It's more like slam dancing. So, no, it's not scientifically accurate.

**NM:** Do astronauts wear a diaper during takeoff?

**KC:** Yes. We can't walk around once we're strapped in for takeoff. Sometimes we're stuck there for five hours. It's not that bad because we practice wearing them during training. But it's a little odd the first time because, for most of us, it's been at least 30 years since we wore diapers.

**NM:** What's your favorite planet?

**KC:** Earth. My favorite part to see from space is northern Africa. The Sahara is unbelievable.

**NM:** If you could put a bumper sticker on the space shuttle, what would it say?

**KC:** "No Passing."

## Dr. Sally K. Ride

In June 1983, Dr. Ride joined the *Challenger* space shuttle crew and became the first American woman in space. She made a second flight on *Challenger* in October 1984. She has logged more than 340 hours in space and has a Ph.D. in physics.

**Nickelodeon Magazine:** Does NASA prepare astronauts for meeting aliens? Is there a handbook?

**Sally Ride:** No, there's no NASA training for dealing with aliens.

**NM:** Do you believe there's life out there?

**SR:** There's life out there, but I think it's life outside our solar system—way outside.

**NM:** What's your favorite thing about space travel?

**SR:** Weightlessness. The views are also great.

**NM:** What's your best memory from space?

**SR:** That view of Earth.

**NM:** Can you listen to music on the shuttle?

**SR:** Yes. Astronauts get to bring six cassettes or CDs and take their own tape or CD player.

**NM:** Do you ever goof around up there?

**SR:** We don't play games, really. But we experiment with the weightlessness that comes from being in space. That's more fun than you can imagine.

**NM:** Does being an astronaut ever get boring?

**SR:** There's no time to be bored. We're too busy.

**NM:** Why does everything look so slow up there?

**SR:** We move slowly on purpose. If you don't, you'll spin and get mixed up. I moved too quickly on my first flight and crashed into some walls!

**NM:** With all those people cooped up in the shuttle, does it ever start to smell?

**SR:** The air filters are so effective that there's no smell. But that might vary from flight to flight.



**Ride, Sally, Ride:** Aboard the *Challenger*, Sally Ride floats in zero gravity.





What did the alien call his house made out of shaving cream?

E.T. Foam Home.



Why couldn't the astronauts land on the moon?

Because it was full.



**NM:** What's your favorite planet?

**SR:** Mars. It's the most interesting, because it probably once had water on it and now it doesn't. It's beautiful.

**NM:** What do you do if you get an itch while you're inside your space suit?

**SR:** There's only one thing you can do: deal.

## Captain James A. Lovell, Jr.



Captain James A. Lovell, Jr. was an astronaut from 1962 to 1973. He went into space four times, and is the first person to orbit the moon on two separate missions (on Apollo 8 and 13). On Apollo 13, Lovell was supposed to walk on the moon. But, on the way, there was an explosion on the spaceship, and the moon landing had to be canceled. (Nobody was hurt.)

**Nickelodeon Magazine:** What's your favorite thing about space travel?

**James Lovell:** The adventure. Going out and seeing new worlds.

**NM:** What's your best memory about being in space?

**JL:** Seeing the far side of the moon on Apollo 8.

**NM:** When you see the moon, what do you think?

**JL:** That it's not as far away as most people believe.

**NM:** What's scarier—takeoffs or landings?

**JL:** Takeoffs. Everything has to work. You're actually going very slowly, and you have all that fuel and oxygen onboard.

**NM:** What's gotten better and worse about space flight?

**JL:** The electronics have gotten better. I think the shuttle has five computers. Apollo only had one. What's worse is that we are no longer going to the moon.

**NM:** Do you have any space mementos in your home?

**JL:** I have the control handle and the optical sight used for navigation from Apollo 13's lunar module. And I have pieces of heat shield from all four of my rockets.



**We Have Lift-Up:** James A. Lovell, Jr. gets hoisted aboard a helicopter after splashing down during the Apollo 13 mission.

**NM:** What personal stuff did you take into space?

**JL:** Just some medallions and some photographs.

**NM:** Did anyone ever play a trick on you in space?

**JL:** Yes. On Apollo 13, Fred Haise used to turn a valve that caused a big thump. We'd think something hit the spacecraft. But after a few times, we knew it was him.

**NM:** Would you have been prepared to meet an alien?

**JL:** Not really. I would probably have raised my hand to say "hi." That's about it.

**NM:** Do you believe there's life out there?

**JL:** Yes, but not around our solar system.

**NM:** Why does everything look slow on the moon?

**JL:** The moon has one-sixth the gravity of the Earth, so when you hop, you don't come down as fast as you would on Earth.

**NM:** Would you rather walk on the moon or walk on the beach?

**JL:** On the moon, because I missed the chance to do that with Apollo 13.

**NM:** What's your favorite planet?

**JL:** Venus. It's so mysterious.

**NM:** When you were going to the moon, were there fights for the window seats?

**JL:** No, just some "strong" conversations.

**NM:** Did you win?

**JL:** Oh, yes. The commander always gets a good seat. ■





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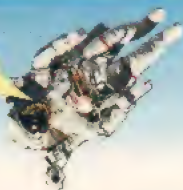
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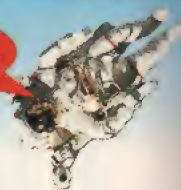
What meal did the alien order at the cheap diner?

An unidentified flying object.



When aliens complained about Earthlings landing on the moon, what did NASA do?

They issued an Apollo-13.



# Quiz for Space Cadets

When it comes to knowing about the universe, are you a black hole or a rising star? Take our quiz and find out. Write a "T" or an "F" in each circle.

Answers on page 60.

## TRUE OR FALSE?

- 1 ☐ Buzz Aldrin, the second man to walk on the moon, had a grandmother with the last name "Moon."
- 2 ☐ There are portable toilets orbiting the Earth for use during space walks.
- 3 ☐ When the first monkey went into space, his rocket ship had a banana-shaped steering wheel.
- 4 ☐ The speed necessary to break the gravitational pull of the Earth is 25,020 miles per hour.
- 5 ☐ When the *Eagle* landed on the moon in 1969, it had only 40 seconds worth of fuel left.
- 6 ☐ Go Fish was the first card game played in space.
- 7 ☐ The rings of Saturn are 14-karat gold.
- 8 ☐ Giant swarms of fleas live on Pluto.
- 9 ☐ The brightest star that can be seen from Earth is *Sirius A*, also known as the Dog Star. It is in the constellation *Canis Major*.



- 10 ☐ Astronomers are currently searching for a 10th planet they believe exists.
- 11 ☐ The person who designed the first space suit also designed the first bikini.
- 12 ☐ In an emergency, astronauts can eat the insides of the space shuttle.
- 13 ☐ When Neil Armstrong left Earth for the moon, he carried an old comb and a roll of Life Savers candies in his pocket.
- 14 ☐ The space shuttle has a Ping-Pong table.
- 15 ☐ Astronauts get frequent-flyer miles for space shuttle flights.
- 16 ☐ If a human burped on Mars, it would cause a tidal wave on Earth.
- 17 ☐ All the galaxies in the universe are named after candy bars.





Why did the old planet join the solar system?

Because he wanted a sun.



Which makes a better sandwich, bologna, or a small shooting star?

A small shooting star, because it's a little meteor.



24 On the Apollo 10 mission, the command module was named *Charlie Brown* and the lunar module was named *Snoopy*.

25 The Milky Way has about 100 billion stars that we know of.

26 The thermometers on Mercury have earth inside of them.

27 The current space suit weighs 247 pounds on Earth, but nothing at all in space.

18 Sound doesn't travel in space, because there's no air to carry it. So, astronauts communicate with each other by radio when they're outside the shuttle.

19 Venus, Uranus, and Pluto spin in the opposite direction of the other planets.

20 The sun has a daughter.

21 The moon has 25,000-foot mountains, as high as some of the highest mountains on Earth.

22 Arnold Schwarzenegger owns an old space shuttle.

23 William "Captain Kirk" Shatner's toupee is floating in space.



I prefer an after-launch nap.

28 On a Mercury 9 flight, astronaut "Gordo" Cooper fell asleep waiting for liftoff.

29 It will take nearly five billion more years for the sun to use up its energy supply.



# Tim's Turn

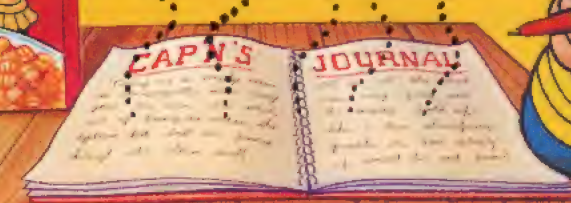
Helped Tim  
with speech.  
Told him to  
pick a topic  
he enjoys.  
Tim picked  
mountain  
bikes. We had  
a bowl  
of my  
delicious  
cereal.

Took Tim  
his favorite  
cereal, Cap'n  
Crunch. He's  
not sure  
about  
giving a  
speech to his  
class. Sent  
blue  
suit to  
cleaners.

Tim's speech  
is getting  
better. Got him  
to imagine his  
audience in  
their underwear.  
So he wouldn't  
be so nervous.  
Brought  
Tim 2 more  
boxes of  
Crunch.  
He loves  
that  
sweet  
Crunch  
taste!

Tim can't wait  
to give speech.  
Maybe all he  
needed was to  
Crunch up his  
confidence.  
Cleaned  
my  
room.  
Have  
to stop  
eating  
my cereal  
in  
bed.

Tim's speech  
was terrific!  
Got applause  
from the whole  
class. I knew  
he could  
do it.  
Weekend!  
Time to  
go to  
national  
speed  
boat  
speech!



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Why did the astronaut carry a ray gun?

To protect herself from shooting stars.



Where did the astronaut eat his lunch?

On the lunching pad.



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## Mystery Toast Shrinks Earth Family on Mercury

by Katherine Grain

WONDER COLONY, MERCURY—

It began as a normal morning of eggs, orange juice, and toast for the Johnson family. It ended as a completely unbalanced breakfast! Five minutes after they began eating, the entire family had shrunk to bite size.

"I don't get it," said dad Mark Johnson. "We've had this same breakfast every day for 10 years." His wife, Marcia, ate two slices of toast and shrank so small she had to hide beneath a spoon. Eventually, she was pulled out with tweezers.

Paramedics arriving on the scene used dental floss to rescue son Chad Johnson, who was buried beneath a napkin. Daughter Vanessa narrowly escaped a dangerous shower of pepper.

The family was rushed, via minivan, to Pumpernickel Memorial Hospital, where crusty surgeon Dr. I. M. Bigger performed microsurgery (see photo above).

Dr. Bigger later said, "I'm baffled. Bread is supposed to help build strong bodies. This is a really crumby situation."



**Slice of life:** The bite-size Johnson family, above, before being rushed to the hospital. **Top left:** Under the knife during microsurgery.





Why did the astronaut land on the moon with her tongue sticking out and her eyes crossed?

She thought it was time for a loonier landing.



Why did the computer operator go into orbit?

He kept hitting the space bar.



# Freak Dandruff Storm Hits Bandar 7

by Ed. N. Shoulderz /staff writer

BANDAR 7—Citizens on this planet continue to dig themselves out from last week's fluke flake storm. Dandruff drifts are piled three miles high in some areas, and rescue workers are combing the drifts in search of vehicles and homes.

Scientists are puzzled. "I've never seen anything like it," meteorologist Vidal Monsoon said, scratching his head.

Warnings to avoid dark clothing were issued, and blow-dryers were called in from planet Norelco 3. School is canceled until further notice.

Bandar 7 leader Sy Starling says the flakes are a result of chemical testing on the nearby planet of Derma. He warns that unless Derma cleans up its act, it faces serious consequences.

Starling continued to brush off reports that the storms were the result of the Bandarian military's top-secret "Psoriasis Project."



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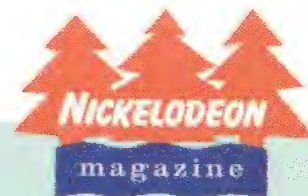
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Why did the cashew sneak onto the spaceship?

He wanted to be an astro-nut.



Why did the astronaut always forget to close the hatch?

He kept on spacing out.



# HARBEEKIAN and Earthling WED in Secret Ceremony

**And we have the pictures to prove it!**

*by Juliet Capulet*

PEORIA, ILLINOIS—They said it could never happen, but they were wrong! Biff Wqswtyp, the far-out handsome hunk from planet Harbek, married Wanda Peterson, a Peoria, Illinois, forklift operator, last week in what is believed to be the first Harbekian-Earthling marriage.

Human beings have married Saturnians and Venutians in the past, but never Harbekians.

"It was love at first sight," the bride purred. "The first time I looked into Biff's big, red eyes and touched his gorgeous scales and jumbo head, I knew he was the creature for me. My mother didn't approve in the beginning, but when I pointed out that Biff's family had a fortune of 20 million blopkins, she stopped her squawking."

After completing the ritual ceremony, which involves the exchange of vows and radioactive green beans, the couple embraced and emitted a pale yellow glow.



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How did the doctor know the galaxy was sick?

He felt its pulse.



Why were the astronaut's findings all wrong?

He worked in an absurd-at-ory.



# Giant Cucumber Attacks Gardener!

## Hobby Turns Horrible!

by Herb A. Life

THOUSAND ISLANDS, PLUTO—What started out as a pleasant pastime turned into vegetable terror for Ms. C.Z. Guesswhat of Thousand Islands, Pluto. "I always order my seeds through the mail," explained the shocked victim. "But, I should have noticed the return address of the seed company." The seeds came from the planet Steroid, known for its population of giants. Some Steroidians grow to 50 feet in height. "I guess they breed their vegetables for size, too. I'm just glad I didn't plant watermelon."

Still, the cucumber was bad enough. Plutonian police finally caught the crafty cuke, but not before it caused mass destruction in the neighborhood. It not only ate the Guesswhat's entire garden, but it also consumed the local park and five pizza parlors. Ms. Guesswhat's pet chihuahua, Pickles, almost died when the seedy creature sprayed him with vinegar.

As for now, Ms. Guesswhat's salad days are behind her. "I guess I'll get a new hobby," she said. "Maybe I'll start collecting moon rocks."



**Ms. C.Z. Guesswhat is struck dumb** by the product of her green thumb. The giant cucumber is seen here attacking her with a normal-size banana.

## Ask Voltaire



## Your advice columnist

Dear Voltaire:

There's a really cute guy in my class. He's a Frestonian. I'm a Pinalian. I like him. But he won't look at me—not even with one of his four eyeballs.

Signed,  
Sleepless on Saturn

**Dear Sleepless:**  
*Frestonians are very shy. Extend your third hand, and soon you'll be arm-in-arm.*

Dear Voltaire:

We are a Neptunian family. Recently, we moved to the Planet Caldor. We are having problems with our son, who is seven atomic years old. He's always

been a nice kid. But, lately, we've become worried. He wants to borrow the Dymaxion car for the night. The problem is that on Caldor, the night lasts 27 years. (More than enough time to get into trouble.) And that's not all. Lately, he's been bringing home kids we just don't feel good about. They keep trying to get him to eat car engines. What should we do?

Signed,  
Cautious in Caldor

**Dear Cautious:**  
*Every kid goes through growing pains. Don't panic. After one evening with those kids, he'll be so full he'll never want to look at another carburetor again.*





What did Johnny win for recognizing the Big Dipper?

A constellation prize.



Why did the sea otter go to NASA?

He wanted to go into outer space.



# A Day Without Gravity

How different would your day be if you woke up on the space shuttle? Of course, you'd be late for school. Here are some other ways your life would change.

by Robin Sayers



## Just Five More Minutes...

You can leave your alarm clock at home, because Mission Control wakes you with music over the loudspeakers.

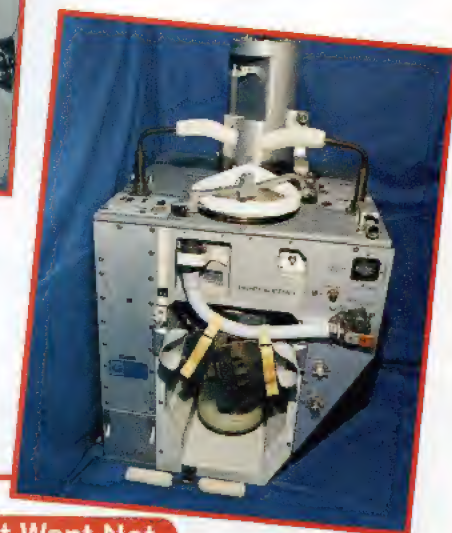
## Look, Ma! No Gravities!

It looks ordinary, but the new toothbrush you get each morning has a special digestible toothpaste already on the bristles. Don't spit it out! Just brush and swallow.



## Bad Hair Day

Try the waterless shampoo. Rub the shampoo into your hair and let it dry. Then, towel it out. You can comb your hair, but it will simply float into any position it wants, as this picture shows.



## Waste Not Want Not

To use the toilet pictured above, sit down, and buckle yourself in so you don't float off the seat. Then turn on the air suction. There's no water in the bowl; air suction replaces gravity and pulls the waste down.

## Did You Wash Behind Your Ears?

Without gravity, water would float in blobs all over the cabin. That's why there's no shower. Instead, use a water gun. Hold a washcloth to the gun's nozzle and wet it, then scrub your hands and face.



If there's no water in the toilet, what can I drink out of?





If you listen to a space station, what will you hear?

Nep-tunes.



Why was the astronaut surrounded by cats?

Because she entered high-purr space.



### I've Got Nothing to Wear!

Your clothes look like loose and comfortable ones you'd wear on Earth, but with many pockets to hold things so they don't float away. Don't worry about shoes: Go barefoot or wear socks and slippers to avoid injuring crew mates by kicking them while you're floating.

### Lights Out

Forget about a regular "day" and "night." Because you're orbiting Earth once every 90 minutes, you see 16 sunrises and 16 sunsets every 24 hours. During each orbit, the sun shines for about 50 minutes; then it's dark for 40 minutes as the shuttle moves to Earth's dark side. Astronauts often wear black sleep masks and have window shades to help block out the sunlight.

### Stepping Out

To take a space walk, use a space suit, which provides oxygen and protects you from the extreme temperatures of outer space. Each suit has enough air and battery power to keep you alive for seven hours. There's even a food stick and a water bag built into the helmet.

### Clean Your Room

Making a mess is more likely in space than it is on Earth. Crumbs, dust, and other particles don't fall on the shuttle floor; instead, they float around the cabin until they get sucked into the filters. Every day, the crew must vacuum the filters that keep the air clean.



### Catching Z's in Zero G

Your bed is a sleeping bag, and you float around the cabin.



### Do Your Chores

Most of all, you're in space to launch new satellites into orbit, return orbiting satellites, and perform scientific experiments.

### And Don't Forget:

- You're 200 miles above Earth, and moving at 5 miles per second.
- You look different. Blood distribution evens out, so your face get fuller and your legs get thinner.
- You're taller. Because your spine isn't being compressed by gravity, you gain about an inch in height.
- You'll probably feel some motion sickness for the first day or two. But don't worry—everyone does, and you'll soon feel fine.





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How much does a two-ton elephant weigh on the moon?

Nothing. There are no elephants on the moon.



Where did the cow-astronaut go?

To the hidden side of the galaxy.



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## The crew of the Starship

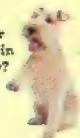
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adjective disgusting thing  
 Our spacecraft was pelted by bite-size bits of ..... as  
type of vegetable  
 we passed through the .....-flavored clouds  
type of salad dressing

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a celebrity you don't like  
 bad face-lift.

We landed near tall .....-shaped mountains. The planet's soil  
household appliance  
 felt like mushy ..... A group of .....-ians appeared  
food you can't stand your last name  
 holding burning .....s and singing the ..... song.  
noun name of your school  
 Their leader extended a ..... antenna and told us to get lost. I informed  
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 this creature that if we weren't allowed to explore, we would plant freeze-  
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very high number  
 to the spaceship, I bought some gum for .....  
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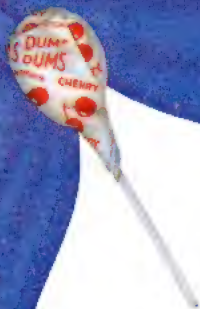


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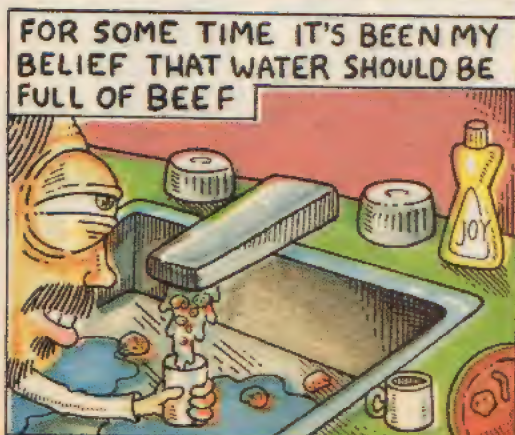
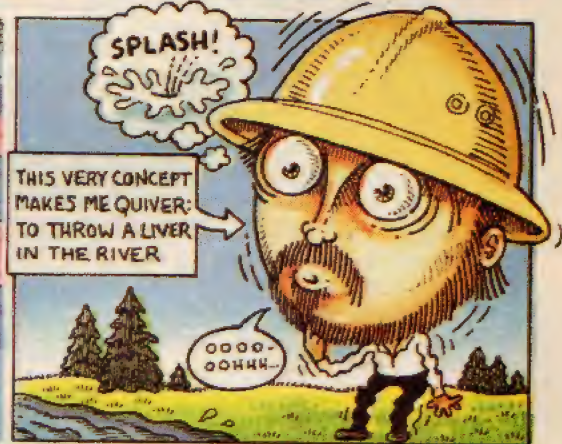
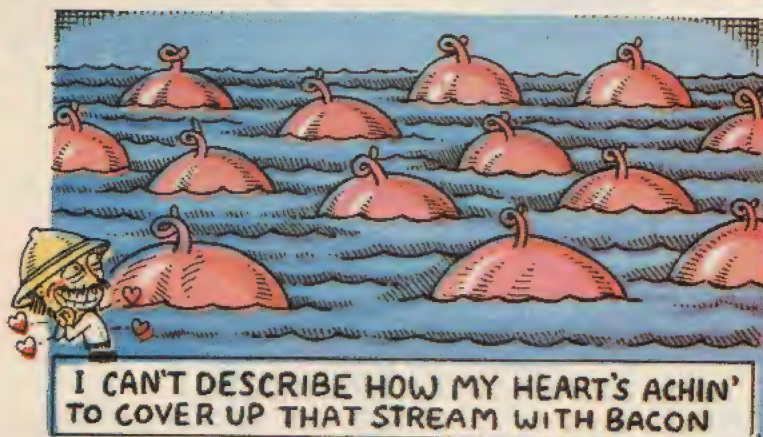
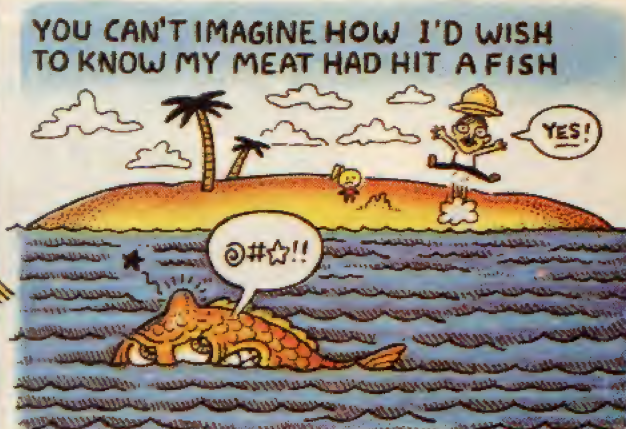
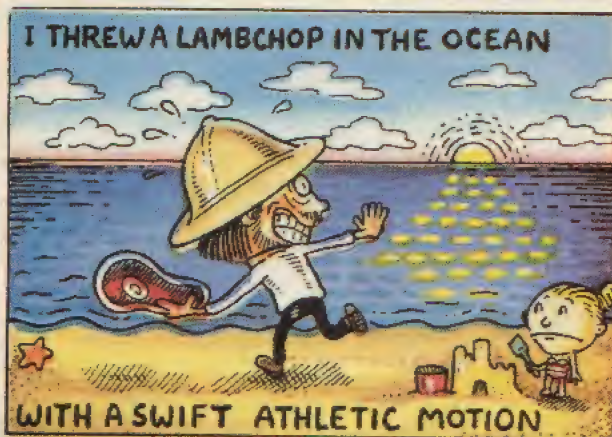
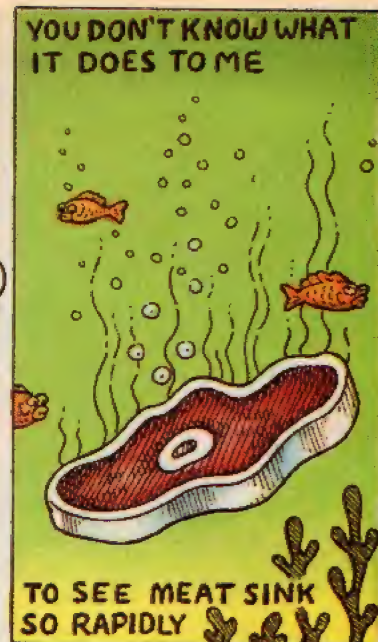
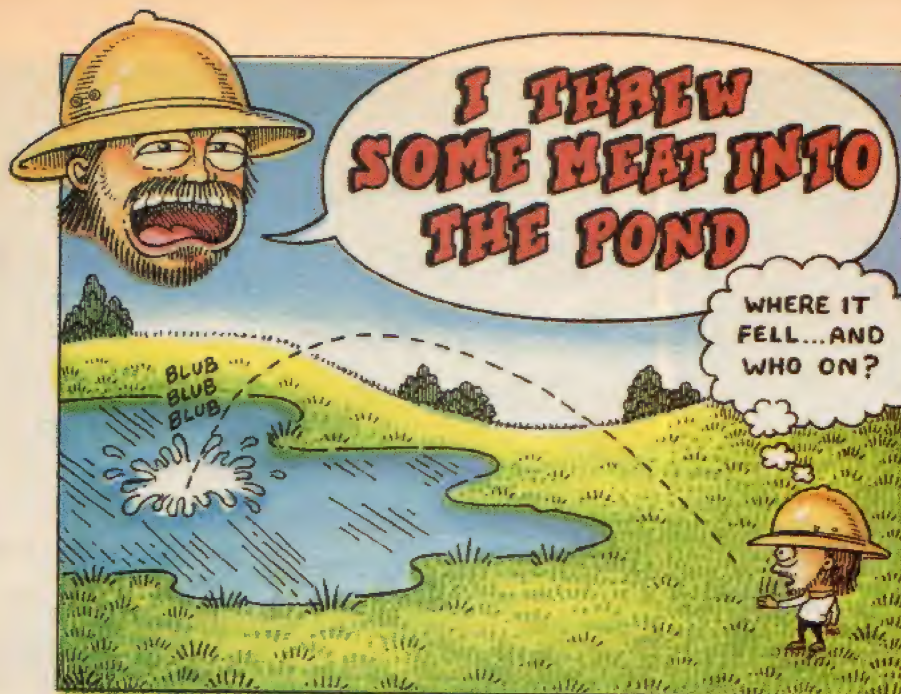
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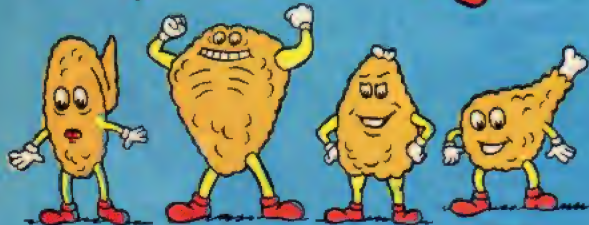


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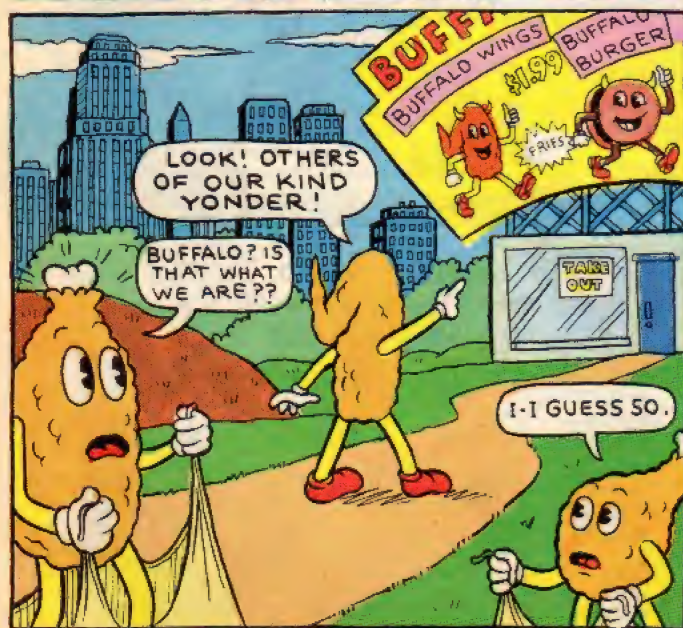
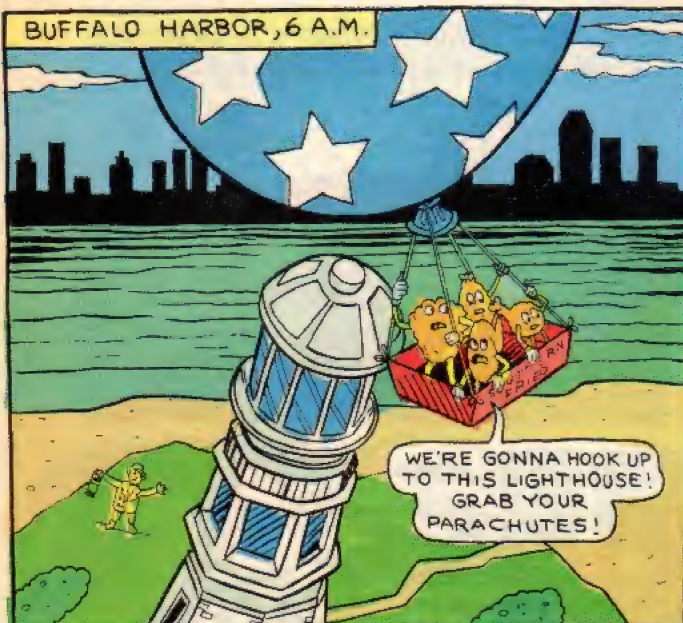
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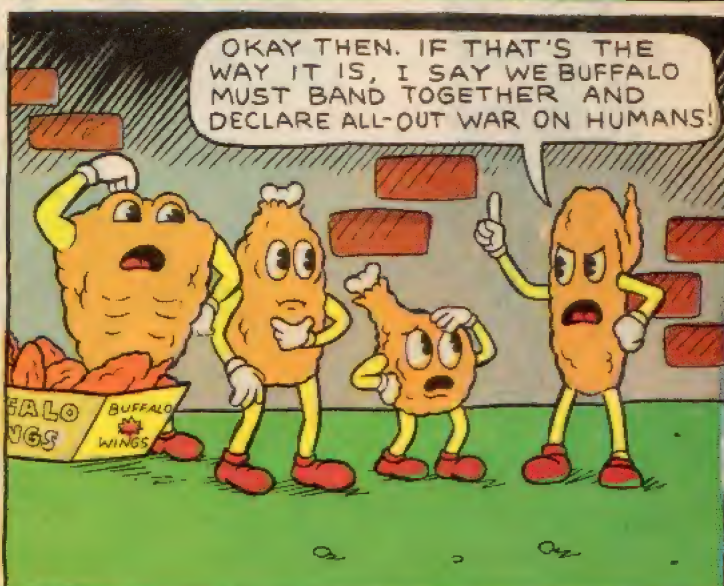
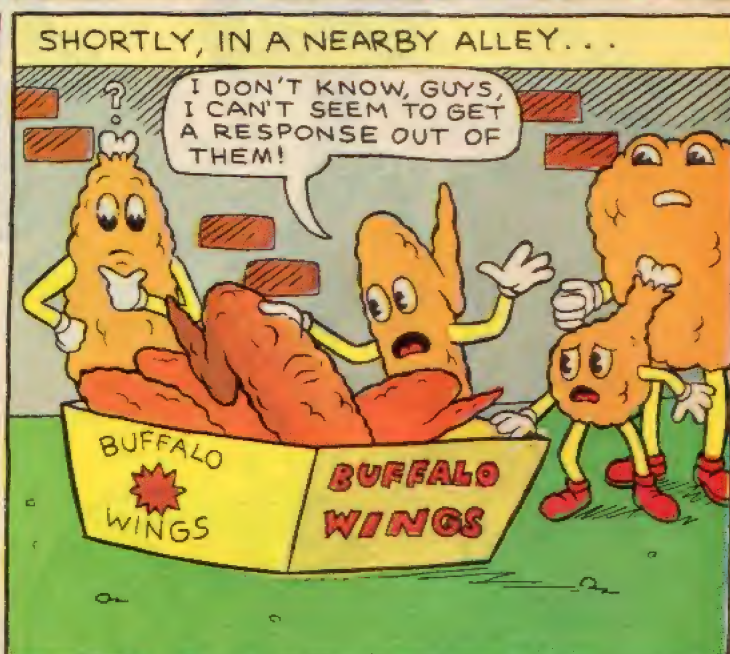
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# Distant Relations

by Robert Leighton

You know how some people say that you have your mom's eyes and your dad's nose? Well, these outer space kids are a cross between their moms and dads, too. For example, Bezbar's high mouth and long arms came from his father ①, while his tentacles, lobster-like claws, and three eyes came from his mother ⑦. Can you figure out which father and which mother belongs to each alien child? Answers on page 60.

## The Fathers



## The Kids

Bezbar

Muknunk

1 7



# The Mothers







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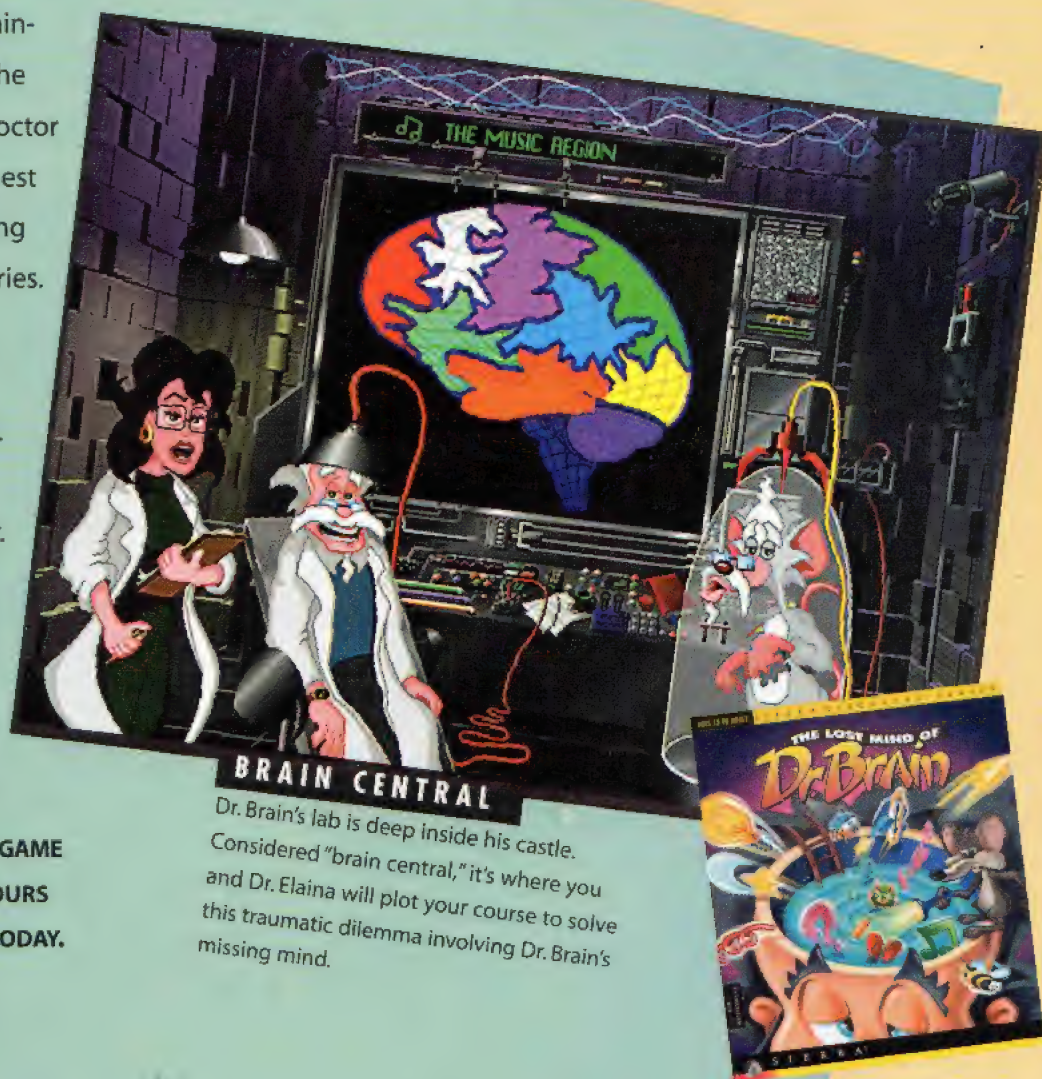
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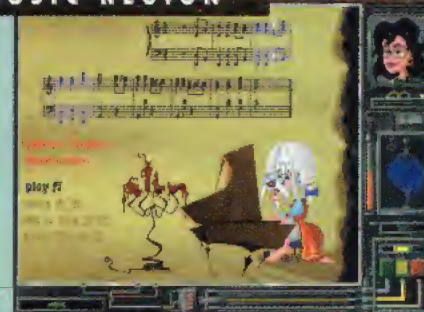
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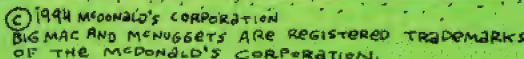
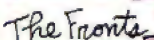
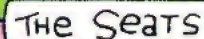
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To enter our contest, write a song honoring a planet or anything else in outer space.

## Here's what to do:

- Choose one of these songs: "Twinkle Twinkle, Little Star," "Row, Row, Row Your Boat," or "How Much Is That Doggie in the Window."
- Write new words to go with the tune.
- Mail your entry by May 23, 1995, to:

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## Here's an example:

### The Moon

*(Sung to the tune of "Twinkle Twinkle, Little Star")*

How I love to see the moon,  
It's so lovely that I swoon,  
Everything about it pleases,  
Some folks say it's made of cheeses.

But I think that they are wrong,  
So I wrote this little song.

Once we sent some men from here,  
Landed on the moon so dear,  
Hit a golf ball up real high,  
Left a flag and said bye-bye.

So I guess I'll see you later,  
I am moving to a crater.

Please include your name, address, phone number, and age with your entry. Remember, we cannot return entries. The winners will each get a Nickelodeon Home Video and other Nickelodeon stuff.

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Who was the first pig on the moon?

Square Squares



Hey, who wrote all these jokes?

David Lewman



# TOSSED IN SPACE

**Space is a dump. Really.**

More than four million pounds of useless man-made objects circle Earth. There are old rocket parts, worn-out satellites, and tiny paint chips floating above us.

All this junk can be a problem for astronauts and satellites. When a paint chip the size of a grain of salt hit the space shuttle's windshield in 1983, it left a quarter-inch nick in the glass. In fact, space shuttles have changed orbit on at least four occasions to avoid debris, because anything larger than a paint chip could cause serious damage.

Why doesn't anyone clean up? Unfortunately, the only way to get rid of the stuff is to let gravity pull it down—and that can take anywhere from a few weeks to hundreds of years, depending on how big and how far away an object is. (But don't worry about anything landing on your head, because objects burn up as they re-enter Earth's atmosphere.)

This computer-generated illustration was created for NASA. Each dot represents one object circling Earth.

**Distance of garbage farthest from the Earth:**  
22,356 miles

**Distance of garbage closest to the Earth:**  
62 miles

**Number of non-working satellites:**  
1,794

**Rate at which junk is increasing:**  
100 objects per year

**Largest objects:**  
Rocket bodies the size of double-decker buses

**Screwdriver:**  
An astronaut on the space shuttle *Discovery* dropped an expensive power screwdriver while repairing a satellite in 1985. The screwdriver burned up six months later.

**Smallest objects:**  
Thumbnail-size paint chips (10 to 100 billion of them) that come from rocket bodies and satellites

**Glove:**  
In 1965, when astronaut Ed White opened the hatch of the Gemini space capsule to take a space walk, a glove accidentally came out. It took less than a year to burn up.

**Number of objects that have re-entered the atmosphere since 1957:**  
15,000

**Number of items, excluding paint chips, smaller than four inches wide:**  
At least 112,000

**Speed at which objects travel in space:**  
Almost 300 miles per minute (Every time objects bang into each other at this speed, they break up into even more pieces.)

**Number of items larger than four inches wide:**  
7,300

**Garbage bags:**  
Since 1986, Russian astronauts have been throwing out about two bags of garbage per month from the Mir space station. Each bag burns up in about six weeks.

Up above the world so high,  
like some garbage in the sky...





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# We Dream of Hakeem

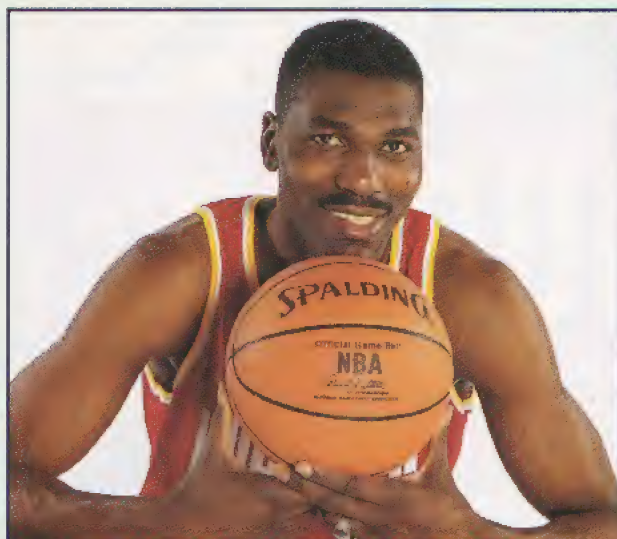
Hakeem Olajuwon plays center for the Houston Rockets. Last year, he led his team to the world championship and was voted the NBA's Most Valuable Player. Pretty good for a guy who didn't play organized basketball until he was 15 years old. NICKELODEON MAGAZINE went one-on-one with Hakeem to get the long and short of it.



 This is Hakeem's right arm from elbow to hand, shown **ACTUAL SIZE**. Place your arm on his, and see how you measure up.

*Unfold the flap to see Hakeem's arm.*





## Hakeem By the Numbers:

- Hakeem is in his 11th pro season.
- He's the first player in NBA history to win MVP, Defensive Player of the Year, and NBA Finals MVP in the same season.
- As of the beginning of this season, he had 2,741 blocked shots, making him third on the NBA all-time list.
- He's played on nine NBA All-Star teams.



Can he block shots at the doctor's office?

### Nickelodeon Magazine:

What were you like when you were 12 years old?

**Hakeem Olajuwon:** I was very shy. I still am. People don't believe that. They see me play basketball, and they think that because I do something in front of so many people I can't be shy. But I am. If I have to give a speech, I have trouble. I get nervous

**NM:** When you were growing up in Nigeria, did you have a nickname?

**HO:** "Too Tall" and "Shorty" are two I remember. They called me those names because I was so tall. Kids would say them to me on the playground to try to make me mad. They teased me.

**NM:** Did they make you mad?

**HO:** Sometimes.

**NM:** Did you get in fights?

**HO:** I tried not to. I just tried to stand up for myself.

**NM:** What did you want to be when you were growing up?

time. I wanted to get good grades every year so one day I could go to college. Going to college was the most important goal for me. With sports, I just wanted to be good. I didn't think of making money.

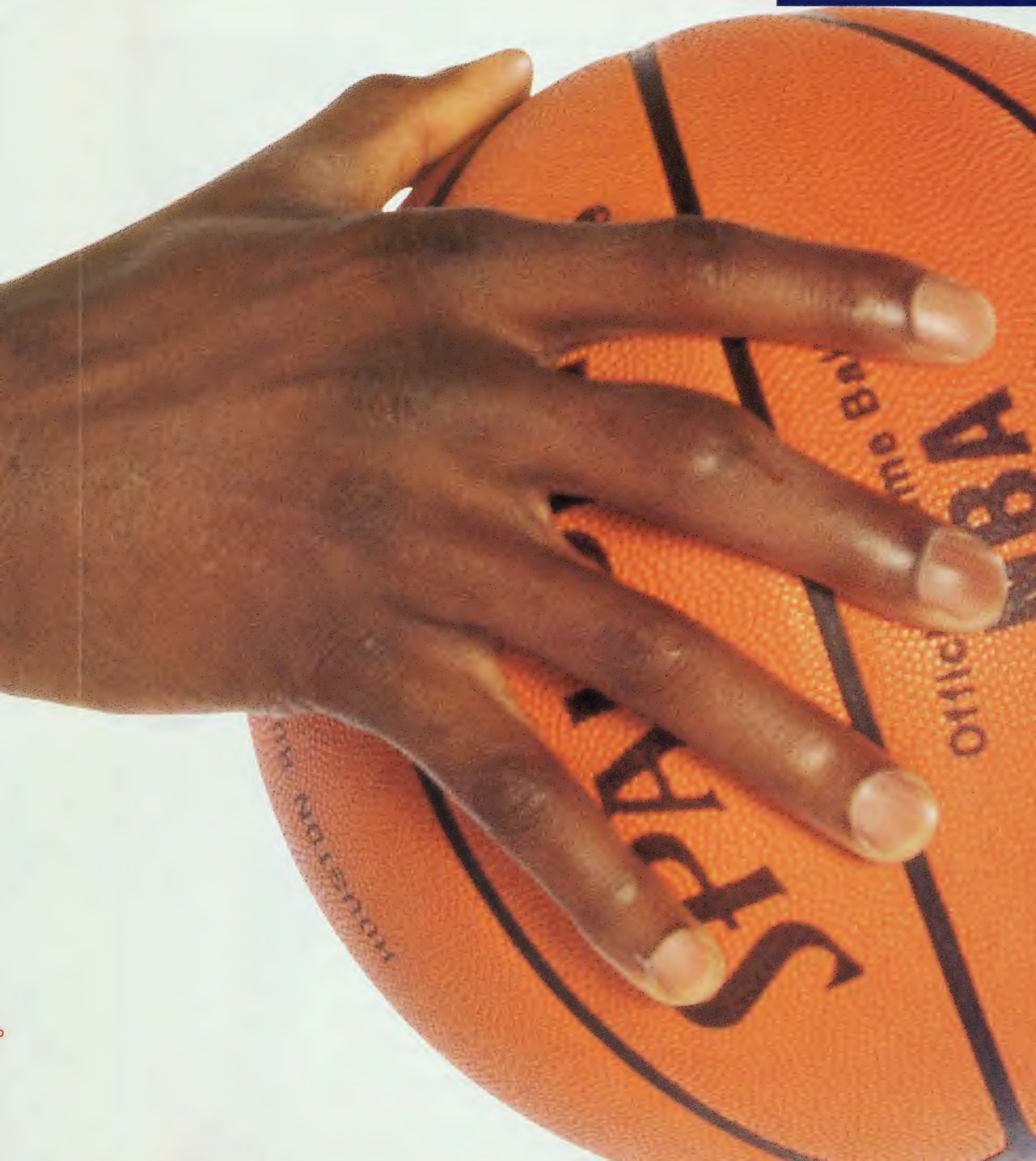
**NM:** Would you like to be an astronaut?

**HO:** No. I'm afraid of heights. I like being close to the Earth. I wouldn't want to take the chance of going far off the ground. The people who do that are very courageous. I couldn't do it. Uh-uh. Not me.

**NM:** As a kid, you played soccer and team handball. Did those help you become a better basketball player?

**HO:** Very much. Soccer helped my footwork. It made my legs strong and







*Unfold the flap to see Hakeem's arm.*

in basketball. Handball is all about fakes—faking your opponent—which is a very good skill to have for basketball. Both helped my reflexes. And playing sports as a kid taught me respect for rules.

**NM:** Do you still play soccer?

**HO:** No. My contract says I can't.

**NM:** What about team handball?

**HO:** No. No one here knows how to play. I wish more people knew how.

**NM:** Maybe you could get a bunch of NBA stars and make a touring league to interest people.

**HO:** No, they wouldn't be any good.

**NM:** Why did you add an H to your name?

**HO:** It always had an H, but it's silent. People in America used to pronounce it, so I took it off. Now, since everyone says my name correctly, I put it back.

**NM:** Does your name mean anything?

**HO:** In Yoruba [a Nigerian language], Olajuwon means "always on top."

**NM:** Did you watch the NBA on TV as a kid?

**HO:** No. It wasn't on in Nigeria back then.

**NM:** Does your family back home get to watch you play?

**HO:** Yes. Now they have the NBA on TV.

**NM:** Would you like to go back?

**HO:** In my head, I do all the time. I go back to when I was a boy. Youth is the best time in life. Your mind's free. You enjoy things. You have no worries because your parents worry for you. I always want to remember the joy I had playing ball when I was a boy. To me, that's what it's all about. Your heart has to be in it. You have to keep that feeling alive.

**NM:** How many sneakers do you own?

**HO:** Too many to count.

**NM:** What's your favorite animal?

**HO:** Little yellow canaries. I like to hear them sing.

**NM:** Your nickname is "The Dream."

What do you dream of when you sleep?

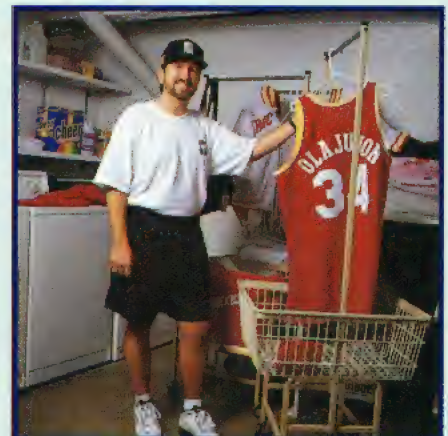
**HO:** Many things. I dream about people in my life, people I love. But never about sports. Most of the time, though, I'm so tired I just fall right to sleep.

**NM:** How many hours do you sleep?

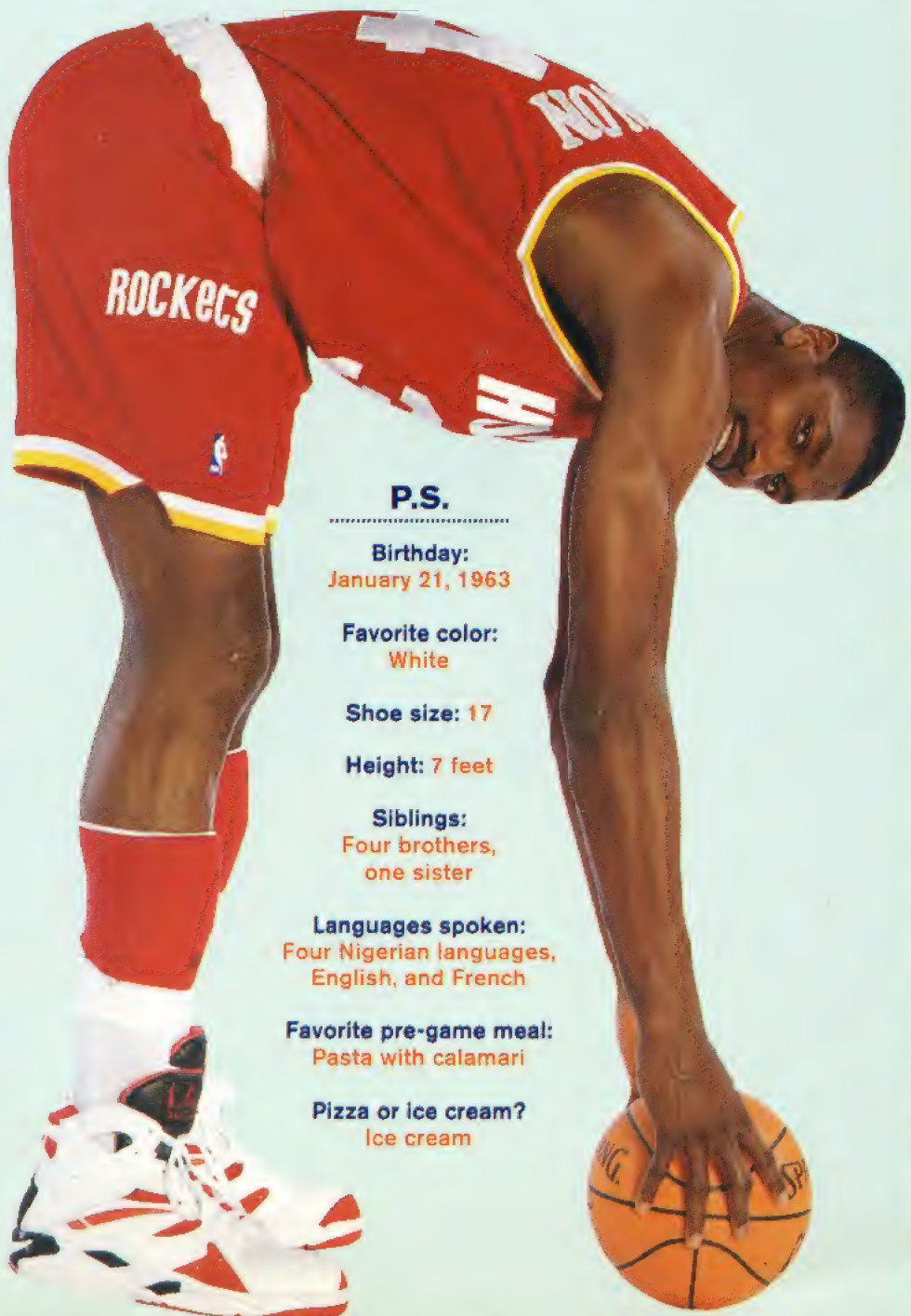
**HO:** Maybe seven.

**NM:** Do you have a custom-made bed?

**HO:** Yes. It's nine feet long.



D.H. Nordstrom, the Rockets' equipment manager, keeps Hakeem's jersey looking clean. Talk about maximum hang time!



## P.S.

### Birthday:

January 21, 1963

### Favorite color:

White

### Shoe size: 17

### Height: 7 feet

### Siblings:

Four brothers,  
one sister

### Languages spoken:

Four Nigerian languages,  
English, and French

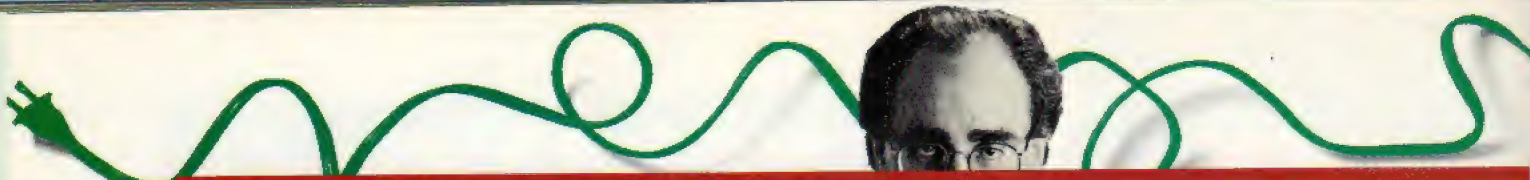
### Favorite pre-game meal:

Pasta with calamari

### Pizza or ice cream?


Ice cream





# The Goosebumps Guy



**R.L. Stine,** author of the *Goosebumps* book series, is the spookiest writer around. He's written more than 60 tales of terror. **NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's Danielle Claro** scared up some answers from the man behind the bumps. 

**Nickelodeon Magazine:** Where do you get the ideas for your books?

**R.L. Stine:** I'm very lucky. I always have ideas. A lot of the time, I'll just have a picture in my head, and then I'll start thinking about what it could develop into.

**NM:** When you start writing a mystery, do you know what the ending will be?

**RLS:** Yes. I come up with a title, and then I figure out what the story is going to be about. Then I think of the ending. I have to know what the big punch line is going to be before I start writing.

**NM:** What's the next step?

**RLS:** I outline every book. I think of three or four things that I can put in to keep the reader from guessing the ending. I figure out who I'm going to make the suspect and how I'm going to throw the reader off the track, so that the reader is fooled at the end.

**NM:** What does R.L. stand for?

**RLS:** Robert Lawrence.

**NM:** As a kid, did you want to be a writer?

**RLS:** I wanted to be a cartoonist. I started doing a comic book, but I couldn't draw. All the other kids could, and I kept trying to figure out what was different about my hand. So then I started writing, and I knew then that that's what I wanted to do.

**NM:** How old were you when you started writing?

**RLS:** Nine. I found this old typewriter in the attic. I dragged it downstairs and started typing little joke magazines and stories.

**NM:** Did you show your writing to other people?

**RLS:** Yeah, I used to bring the magazines and the stories to school and pass them around to other kids. The teacher was always confiscating them. I used to get in a lot of trouble.



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**NM:** As a kid, what were you afraid of?

**RLS:** A lot of things. But I loved being afraid. There were these great horror comics, *Tales From the Crypt*. They were incredibly gruesome. I used to read those all the time.

**NM:** What else did you like to read as a kid?

**RLS:** Joke books and baseball books. I also loved the Norse legends and Greek myths. I remember reading them in sixth grade. I loved Edgar Allan Poe stories, too.

**NM:** Where did you grow up?

**RLS:** Columbus, Ohio. Not a very scary place.

**NM:** Did you have any pets?

**RLS:** I had a very strange dog, named Dino.

He was a miniature greyhound. He was so skinny, we used to hold him up to the light and look through his legs.



**NM:** Did you like telling scary stories when you were a kid?

**RLS:** Yes. My brother and I grew up in a tiny house. We shared a room. When I was twelve and he was nine, I started telling him scary stories at night. I would get to a really scary part and I would build it up and build it up, and then I would say, "Okay, good night, Bill. That's it for tonight." And he would say, "No! No! What happened?" And I would say, "I don't know. Good night." Every single time, he'd be furious and say, "Don't stop! What happened?" I realize now that that's exactly what I do in these books. Every chapter comes up to some kind of cliffhanger, and then the chapter ends.

**NM:** Are you afraid of the dark?

**RLS:** No. But when I was twelve, we had a garage behind the house. There was this space behind the garage, and when I rode my bike home at night, I always thought there would be someone waiting there.

**NM:** How's your penmanship?

**RLS:** Terrible.

**NM:** Did any of the things that happen in the *Goosebumps* books ever happen to you?

**RLS:** No. But sometimes something in real life will make me think of a story. A couple of years ago, my son had this rubber Halloween mask. He pulled it down over his head, and couldn't get it off. So I had this idea—what if a kid puts this horrible mask on and it just melts right into her face and starts changing her personality? That was the beginning of the *Goosebumps* story called *The Haunted Mask*.

**NM:** Did you have a favorite Halloween costume as a kid?

**RLS:** I had horrible costumes. I used to be Donald Duck every year.

**NM:** Is your son in any of your stories?

**RLS:** I made him the star of *Goodnight Kiss*, a *Fear Street* book. He and his real friends were in it. It's a vampire story, and in the end, my son gets bitten on the neck. He hated that.

**NM:** What writers have influenced you?

**RLS:** Ray Bradbury was a big influence. The scariest book I ever read was his book *Something Wicked This Way Comes*.

**NM:** What's your favorite ice cream flavor?

**RLS:** Mint chocolate chip.

**NM:** Tell us about one of your upcoming *Goosebumps* books.

**RLS:** In *The Horror at Camp Jellyjam*—coming out in July—there's a creature who can't stand his own smell. The most disgusting thing about him is he sweats snails. Snails pop out of his skin and then clatter to the floor. It's the smelliest book I've ever written.

**NM:** What's the scariest thing that's ever happened to you?

**RLS:** You'd think I'd have the most horrifying life. But of course, I never leave the apartment. So, what could happen to me? I never get out. I'm here writing all these books. ■





## Episode 9

# A Nose for Newts

## Ruffing It

Featuring

**Zelda Van Gutters,**  
NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's Roving Reporter



1

Zelda is in Washington, D.C., to interview the new Speaker of the House of Representatives, Newt Getrich.

Ms. Van Gutters, I'd love to tell you more about my Contract with America, but I've got to get back to the swamp.

The swamp... huh?

Oh, I mean, I'm swamped.

Hmmm. There's something strange about this guy.



2

Smelling a story, Zelda meets with private detective Shep Muttonchops and lawyer Alistair "Jowls" Muzzleworth.

Jowls, I'm unleashing you on Newt's Contract With America. Examine it clause by claws.

Shep, you and I need to find out more about his background.



3

Zelda and Shep go to Newt's hometown, Amphibious, Georgia, to learn about his childhood.

I'm not trying to pull the wool over your eyes, Zelda. Getrich was born here.

That can't be. It's more fit for a newt\* than for Newt.

Boggy Boulevard



4

Zelda digs for more facts. She talks to Gerry and Sally Mander, who used to work for Representative Getrich.

I don't want to talk. I'm afraid Newt will slither after me.

Slither? Hmmm. But isn't there anything you can tell me about him?

All I can say, Zelda, is check out Newt's speech tonight at the Knights of the Iguanas Club.

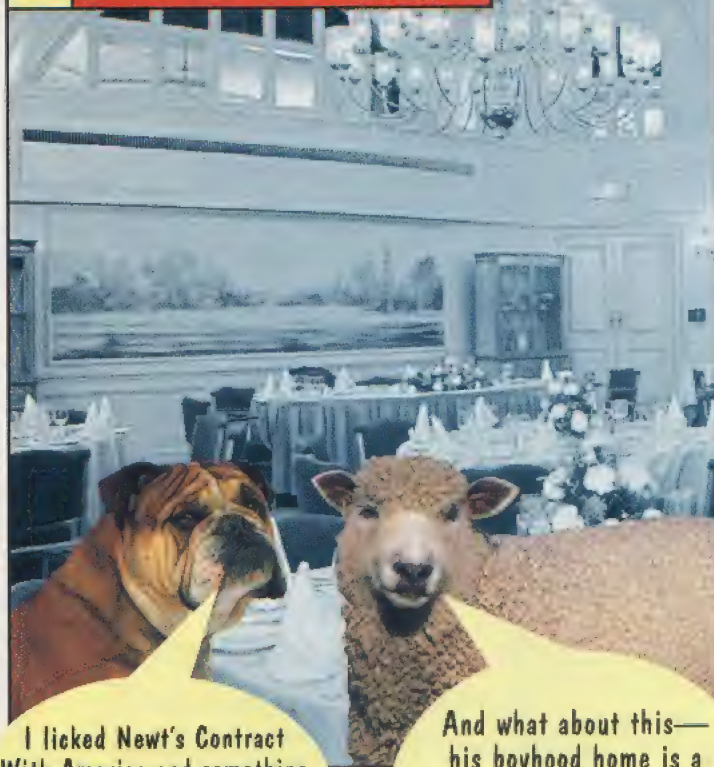


\*A NEWT IS A KIND OF SALAMANDER.



5

Meanwhile, Jowls and Shep meet at the Yale Bulldog Club to compare notes.



I licked Newt's Contract With America and something strange happened. The words changed to "Contract With a Salamander!"

And what about this—his boyhood home is a swamp, and tonight he's at the Iguanas Club! I fear Zelda might be in baa-baad trouble!

6

That night, Zelda sneaks into the the Iguanas Club. Newt is giving his speech.

Reptiles and amphibians of the world unite! All you have to lose are your scales! Now, let us morph!

Hey, who let that dog in the house? Sic her!

I get it! Newt is a newt!

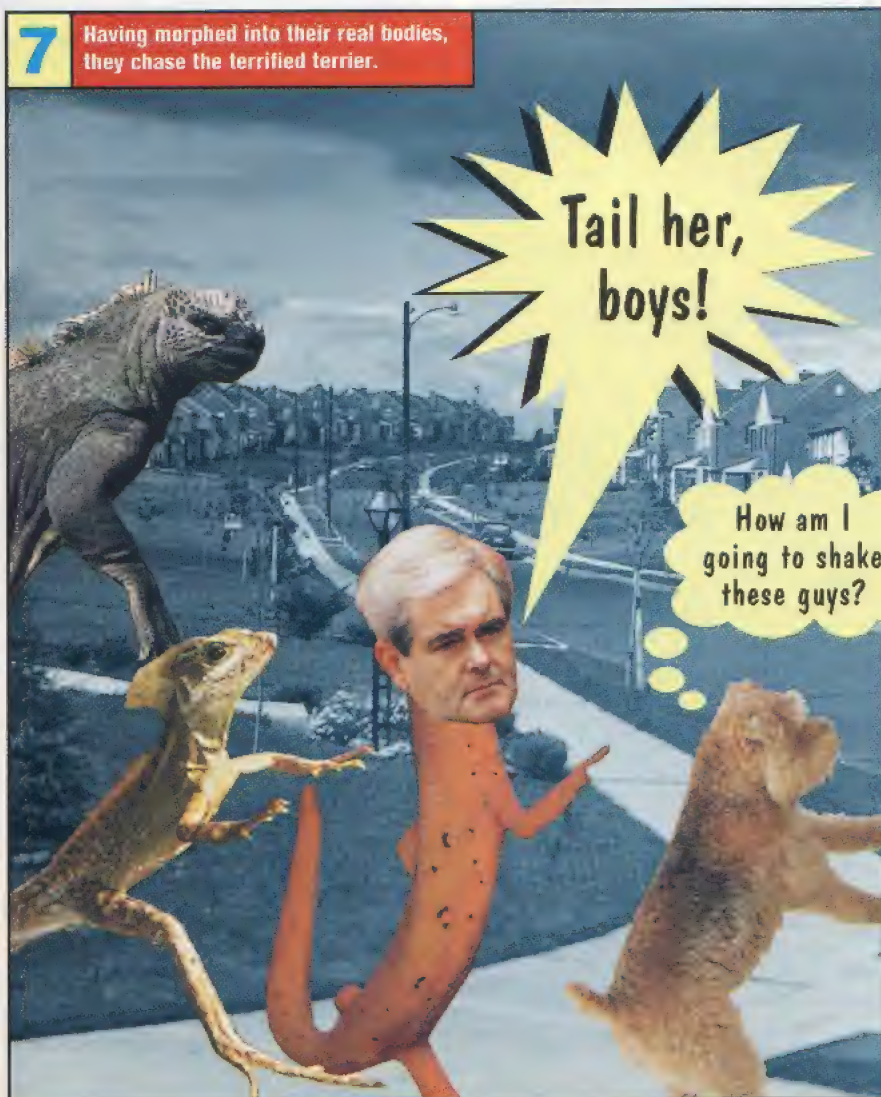


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Having morphed into their real bodies, they chase the terrified terrier.

Tail her, boys!

How am I going to shake these guys?



8

The police, who were called by Shep and Jowls, burst onto the scene.

Okay. I'm carting you kooky, cold-blooded chameleons down to the clink. Cuff 'em, Clancy!

Newt, we're throwing you in a jar and putting the lid on it.

You haven't seen the last of me, Van Gutter. I'll squirm out of this one day!



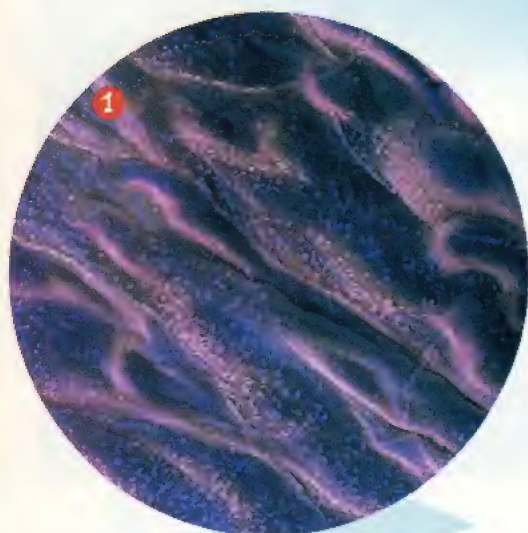
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# So Close and So Far

Some of these pictures were taken by astronauts on the space shuttle. Others are close-ups of things here on Earth. Can you tell which is which? Circle the answer that you think describes what's in each photograph. Answers on page 60.

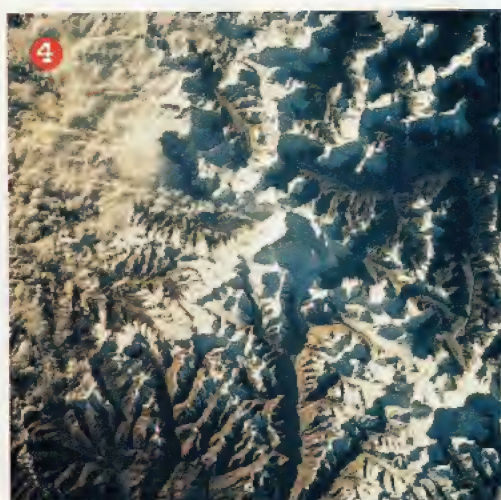
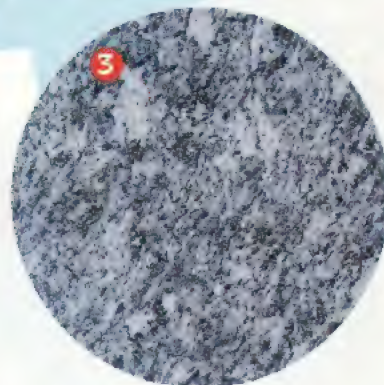


- a. An elephant eyelid
- b. The Canadian Rockies
- c. The lining of a blood vessel
- d. A salted pretzel



- a. A hurricane
- b. A cotton swab
- c. Mashed potatoes
- d. A soft serve ice-cream cone

- a. The Black Sea
- b. Marble
- c. The cover of a composition book
- d. Dryer lint



- a. Bathroom mildew
- b. Bottom of a sneaker
- c. Cheese mold
- d. Mount Everest



- a. A brownie
- b. A cave painting
- c. The Grand Canyon
- d. A scab



# WHAT'S FOR LAUNCH?

Space trips are fun, but there are no drive-in restaurants to stop at when you get hungry. So, what do astronauts do for meals? Often, they eat freeze-dried food.

Freeze-dried food is popular with the space program, because it's light and can last without refrigeration. It's made by putting fresh, cooked food through a process of freezing and heating, so that all the moisture is removed.

We wanted to know what freeze-dried food was like, so we asked the people at Innovative Foods in South San Francisco to send us some. They've been making freeze-dried products for 32 years; some of it eaten on space missions, and some eaten by people here on Earth.

Look at the freeze-dried foods below and guess what they are. Then, turn the page for the answers.





To make the food look and taste better,  
all you have to do is add water.

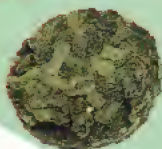
## Berry Interesting

The weight of one fresh strawberry is equal to the weight of 10 freeze-dried strawberries.



## Beans, Beans, the Magical Fruit...

One freeze-dried disk of beans turns into the hill of beans at right.



Multi-flavored Jell-O

Watermelon

Apple slices

Strawberry, chocolate, and vanilla ice cream

Peach cocktail

Strawberries

Green beans

Meatball

Carrots

Scrambled eggs

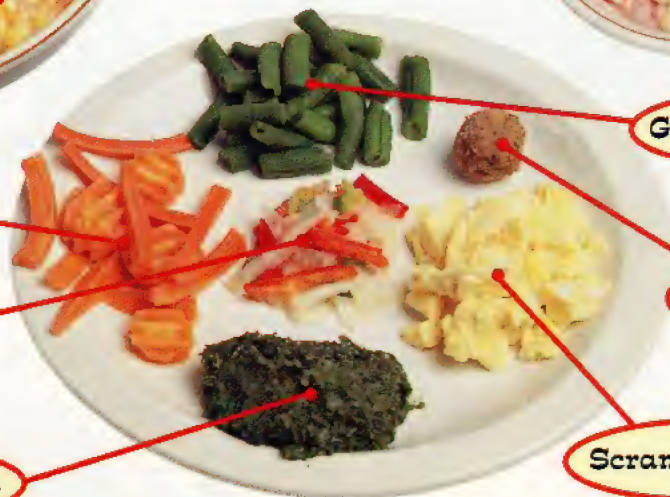
Chopped onions and peppers

Creamed spinach

One of these foods is seven years old. Can you guess which one it is?  
Answer on page 60.



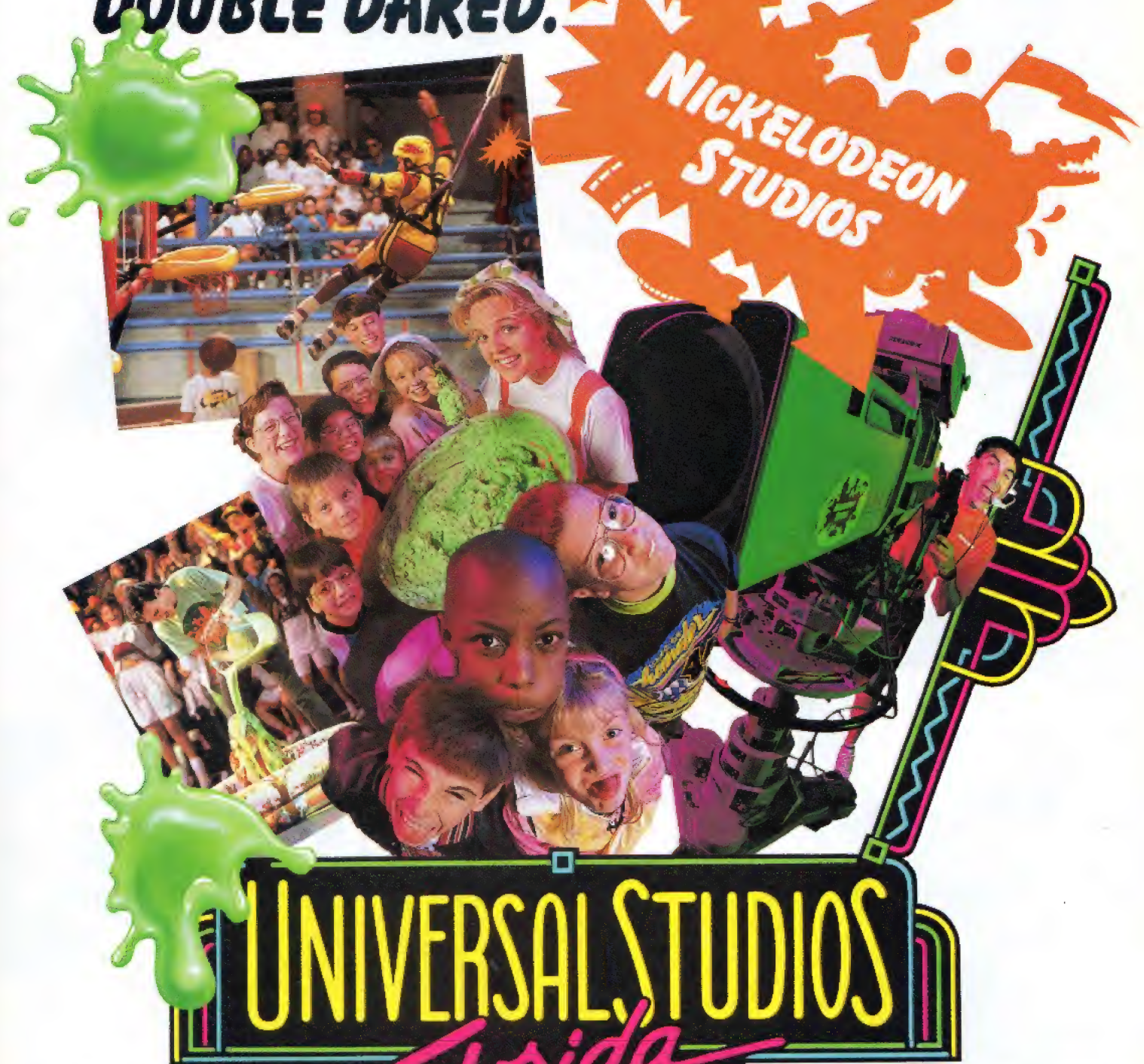
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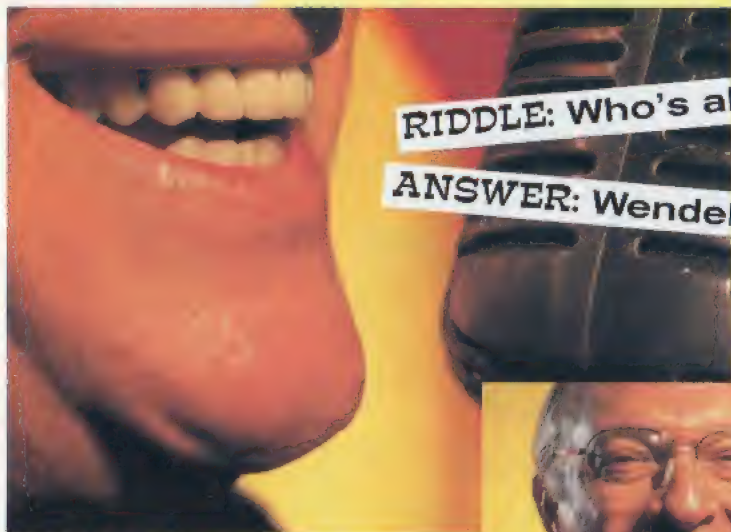
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All about Nickelodeon

## *the* Voice of Nickelodeon BY CHERYL FAMILY



RIDDLE: Who's always on Nickelodeon, yet is never actually seen?  
ANSWER: Wendell Craig.



Wendell Craig is the voice of Nickelodeon. He's the announcer who tells you what's on next, when to look out for new shows, and how to enter a contest. If it's a message about Nickelodeon, there's a good chance it's Wendell doing the talking. We wanted to put a face with the voice, so we sat down with Windy (his nickname) and got some answers from those well-known vocal chords.





**Nickelodeon Magazine:** When you were a kid, did you think you'd grow up to be an announcer?

**Wendell Craig:** I had no idea. I was always very active in school plays, chorus, and those kinds of things. But my career goal, up to the time I graduated from high school, was to become a metallurgical engineer [an engineer who works with metals]. Then I won a teenage DJ contest and got bitten by the radio bug. In college, I worked at the school radio station, and also at commercial radio stations.

**NM:** Do people ever recognize you by your voice?

**WC:** No. Occasionally, people do say they've heard my voice before. But they certainly can't figure out from where. That's one of the funny things about this business. I can be heard all over the world, but nobody knows who I am.

**NM:** How many announcements do you tape at a time for Nickelodeon?

**WC:** It varies. Sometimes it's just two short pieces, and other times we tape a whole bunch of announcements at once. We do what are called "menus," 50 or 60 at a time. A menu is when I say, "Next on Nickelodeon, it's *Doug*! Followed by *Looney Tunes*!" Each one isn't long, but all together it's a lot of work.

**NM:** What other voice-overs do you do?

**WC:** Right now, I can be heard as the voice on the Mentadent toothpaste ads. And I was the voice of Maxwell House coffee for several years. Many years ago, I was the voice of Mercedes-Benz. I've also done work for Diet Coke, among other products.

**NM:** What's the weirdest thing that's ever happened to you while you were working?

**WC:** I once got hiccups that wouldn't go away during a radio show. After the first 15 minutes, there was nothing to do but joke about it. The program director suggested we make a contest of it. Whoever called in and cured my hiccups would win. We ran the contest for the rest of the day, because I still had the hiccups. We tried everything. The next day, I still had them. About halfway through that show, somebody called and said, "Eat a spoonful of sugar." I did, and the hiccups went away.



**NM:** Are there things you avoid eating or drinking to keep your voice in top condition?

**WC:** Yes. If I have to tape something in the afternoon, I don't eat lunch. It slows me down. And I never have any kind of milk product during the day; they clog my throat up.

**NM:** Do you do any exercises to improve your voice?

**WC:** There's a way of relaxing your bottom jaw and the upper part of your throat and larynx. I read about it in a little newsletter that was sent to DJs. Just relax your lower jaw and (gently) shake your head for a few seconds. You know it's working when you can feel your jaw loose and shaking around.

**NM:** Have you always been known as Windy?

**WC:** When I was a kid, the only person who didn't call me that was my mother. I was Windy to everyone else right up until a couple of years ago, when my agent decided that it wasn't a distinguished enough name. So now new people know me as Wendell. It's a more mature name.

**NM:** What advice would you give to someone who wants to go into the voice-over business?

**WC:** Listen carefully to everybody you can. Listen to the radio, and watch TV and movies. Record yourself reading out loud. If you can't find a script of a commercial, tape something off the TV and write down the words. Make a recording of the script. Then listen to it, and practice, practice, practice!







# The Choice Is Yours

It's time again for Nickelodeon's 8th Annual Kids' Choice Awards.

Watch SNICK from March 25 to April 29 for the chance to vote for your favorites in movies, television, music, and sports. The winners will be announced on May 20, at 8:00 PM Eastern and 5:00 PM Pacific time\* during the live broadcast from Los Angeles.

Use this viewer's guide during the show on May 20. First, check the circles next to the nominee you think should win in each category. Then, watch and see if your choices match up with the winners. During the show, you'll also have the chance to call in and vote for the next member of the Kids' Choice Hall of Fame!

## The nominees in each category are:

### Favorite Female Athlete

- ☐ Bonnie Blair
- ☐ Nancy Kerrigan
- ☐ Shannon Miller

### Favorite Male Athlete

- ☐ Charles Barkley
- ☐ Joe Montana
- ☐ Shaquille O'Neal

### Favorite Sports Team

- ☐ Chicago Bulls
- ☐ Dallas Cowboys
- ☐ San Francisco 49ers

### Favorite Singer

- ☐ Babyface
- ☐ Mariah Carey
- ☐ Janet Jackson

### Favorite Musical Group

- ☐ All-4-One
- ☐ Boyz II Men
- ☐ TLC

### Favorite Song

- ☐ "Creep" (TLC)
- ☐ "I'll Make Love To You" (Boyz II Men)
- ☐ "On Bended Knee" (Boyz II Men)

### Favorite Television Actress

- ☐ Tia and Tamera Mowry
- ☐ Queen Latifah
- ☐ Roseanne

### Favorite Television Actor

- ☐ Tim Allen
- ☐ Martin Lawrence
- ☐ Sinbad

### Favorite Television Show

- ☐ The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
- ☐ Home Improvement
- ☐ Martin

### Favorite Movie Actress

- ☐ Sandra Bullock
- ☐ Sally Field
- ☐ Rosie O'Donnell

### Favorite Movie Actor

- ☐ Tim Allen
- ☐ Jim Carrey
- ☐ Keanu Reeves

### Favorite Movie

- ☐ Ace Ventura: Pet Detective
- ☐ The Lion King
- ☐ Speed

### Kids' Choice Hall of Fame

- ☐ Boyz II Men
- ☐ Whoopi Goldberg
- ☐ Janet Jackson



\*The show will be broadcast again at 8:00 PM Pacific time.



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# Face To Face

Take a good look at the girl on the left. She grew up to be one of the famous women on the right. Can you guess which one she is? **Answer on page 60.**



**Nicole Kidman**  
movie actress

**Sarah Ferguson**  
Duchess of York

**Reba McEntire**  
country and western  
singer



I'm seeing red.

## To Be or Not to Be

by Patty Marx

Would you rather be a daisy or a jumbo jet?

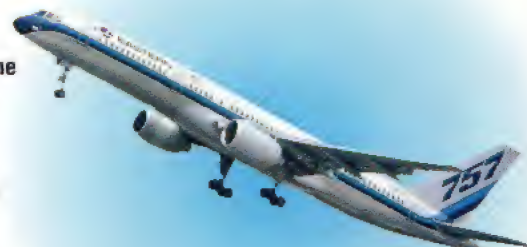
### Advantages of Being a Daisy

- Easy to put down roots
- You decide if he loves her or he loves her not
- Get to laze around all day in the great outdoors
- You're easy to draw
- Always know which way the wind blows
- Considered a thing of beauty
- Flower power
- Always get picked



### Advantages of Being a Jumbo Jet

- Get to travel a lot
- You know what it's really like on cloud nine
- Can race with birds—and win!
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# Dear Alien



I'm QZ and I'm from the planet Zlittlz. I know everything under, over, and inside the sun. So ask me a question, and I'll give you a real down-to-Earth answer.

**Dear QZ:**

If you could travel to Earth, what would you travel in?

Dusty F.  
Cave Spring, Georgia

**Dusty:**

I would travel in First Class.

**Dear QZ:**

My 13-year-old brother toilet-papered my room. How can I get back at him?

Jana T.  
Huntington, Indiana

**Jana:**

Go to his room and flush it.

**Dear QZ:**

If you're so smart, which came first, the chicken or the egg?

Shannon J.  
Troy, Michigan

**Shannon:**

This problem has puzzled humankind and alienkind for many centuries, but the other day I think I finally solved it. At a restaurant on a nearby moon named Cranach, I ordered one scrambled egg and a chicken salad sandwich. The egg came first.

**Dear QZ:**

I was wondering. Do you like chocolate cake?

Candace B.  
Conroe, Texas

**Candace:**

I can be in Conroe, Texas, in two seconds! Save me a piece.

**Dear QZ:**

Why do cartoon characters wear white gloves?

Elisa B.  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

**Elisa:**

So they don't leave fingerprints on your television screen.

**Dear QZ:**

I want all the world to stop polluting. What should I do? Why don't they send trash to outer space?

Adalinda D.  
Maywood, Illinois

**Adalinda:**

Okay, Adalinda, this is what we'll do: Maywood, Illinois, will send its garbage up here, and all of outer space will send its garbage to Maywood, Illinois. Is that a deal?



Okay, but why did the chicken cross the road?

**Do you have a question for QZ? Write to:**

**Ask QZ, NICKELODEON MAGAZINE,**

1515 Broadway, 50th floor, New York, NY 10036.

Sorry, but the space-time continuum prevents QZ from personally answering every letter.



# WHATEVER <sup>R</sup> YOU WANT

## Say What?

**From the December/January 1995 issue:**

We asked you what these folks riding a toboggan had going on in their noggins. Here are our favorite entries:

**Front man:** When I said, "Hon, let's rob a bank," I had planned on having a getaway car.

**First woman:** Whoa! I'm an actual hostage! I wonder if I get to be on *Cops*.

**Second woman:** I'm sorry, for the umpteenth time! I had to put the car in the shop.

**Guy in back:** I wonder if these guys know about their horrible dandruff. Yaaaa! I've got dandruff, too!

Devon C., age 13  
Detroit, Michigan

**Front man:** Hey, guys, there's a big light up ahead.

**First woman:** Yeah, and it looks like an oncoming train!

**Second woman:** Oh, my new hat keeps me so toasty.

**Guy in back:** But I bet the leopard it came from is freezing!

Melissa S., age 8  
Savanna, Illinois

**Front man:** Okay! Let's race again!

**First woman:** Darn! I keep coming in second!

**Second woman:** Drats! Third again!

**Guy in back:** Fourth, fourth, always fourth. I'm starting to lose confidence.

Todd T., age 14  
Cresskill, New Jersey

**Front man:** Hang on, everybody! It should start snowing soon!

**First woman:** I knew I shouldn't have joined the car pool!

**Second woman:** Whose dweeby idea was it to go sledding in August?

**Guy in back:** If the sled ride doesn't kill me, smoking this will.

Brianne M., age 12  
Santa Rosa Beach, Florida



## Letters

**Dear Nick Mag,**

I love your fill-in stories. In the December/January issue, I had my mom fill in the blanks. When I read it to her, she laughed so hard that she started to cry!

Allison Z., age 12  
Lyons, Illinois

**Dear Allison,**

We were so \_\_\_\_\_ to  
(adjective)  
receive your \_\_\_\_\_ letter.  
(adjective)  
It made us \_\_\_\_\_ so much  
(verb)  
that we had to \_\_\_\_\_ our  
(verb)  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
(household appliance)



# New Year's Contest Results

In the December/January issue, we asked you to make up New Year's resolutions for famous people. Here are the contest winners. Each winner will receive a Nickelodeon home video and other great Nickelodeon stuff.

## Winners:

### Michelangelo (the artist)

I will fight the turtle for ownership of my name.

I will wear goggles while painting the Sistine Chapel ceiling.

I will suggest Levi's 501s to David.

Carl D., age 11  
Topeka, Kansas

### Medusa (from Greek mythology)

I will train my hair not to bite my neighbors.

I will spring for some flea-and-tick collars.

I will get a new hairdresser.

Katie J., age 9  
Warren, New Jersey

### Neil Armstrong (the first person to walk on the moon)

I will try not to space out.

I will win the Moon Shoes race on *Nickelodeon GUTS*.

I will live up to my last name by building up my biceps.

Jon C., age 11  
Lakeville, Connecticut



## Honorable Mentions:

### Zelda Van Gutter

I will try to keep my tongue in my mouth.

Meghan B., age 11  
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

### Webster "Funky" Wagnall

I will buy a body.

Jesse D., age 12  
San Jose, California



### Whoopi Goldberg

I will change my name to Whoopi Cushion.

Dana A., age 10  
Chatsworth, California

### Alexander the Great

I will remember Ptolemy's birthday.

I will change the name of Babylon to Grownupylon.

Steelson S., age 11  
Gouverneur, New York

### Bob Saget

I will not laugh when I'm not funny.

Alyssa F., age 10  
Sandown, New Hampshire



### Elvis Presley

I will be sighted at only 12 truck stops this year.

Emily V., age 12  
Bellevue, Kentucky

### Dracula

I will get out in the day more often.

I will refurbish the coffin.

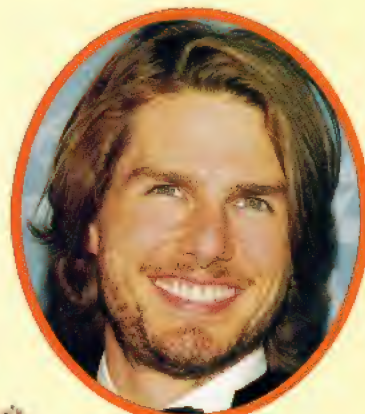
Killianne K., age 11  
Lewistown, Montana

### Tom Cruise

I will schedule an Interview With a Vampire.

I will find A Few Good Men.

Shayna K., age 13  
Virginia Beach, Virginia



Hey, Tom. I saw your wife on page 55.



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# answers

## Attention, Earthlings! (Page 7):

Earth was an old Germanic word for soil (#4).

**Spaced Out (Page 9):** 1-b, 2-c, 3-a, 4-a, 5-b.

## Quiz for Space Cadets (Page 14):

1-T, 2-F, 3-F, 4-T, 5-T, 6-F, 7-F, 8-F, 9-T, 10-T, 11-F, 12-F, 13-T, 14-F, 15-F, 16-F, 17-F, 18-T, 19-T, 20-F, 21-T, 22-F, 23-F, 24-T, 25-T, 26-F, 27-T, 28-T, 29-T.

## Distant Relations (Page 30):

Bezbar-1D, Muknunk-4B,  
L'Maax-7A, Hoji-2E, Gropnek-5C,  
Pixiss-6G, Fleb-3F.

## So Near and So Far (Page 48):

1-c, 2-a, 3-b, 4-d, 5-c.

## Time for Launch (Page 50):

The peach cocktail is seven years old.

**Face to Face (Page 55):** The girl is Reba McEntire.

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In our February/March issue, the answers for the "Put on a Smiley Face!" quiz were wrong. The correct answers are: **a:** Abraham Lincoln; **b:** Elvis Presley; **c:** Madonna; **d:** Batman; **e:** Santa Claus; **f:** Uncle Sam; **g:** Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer; **h:** Stimp, and **i:** A duck. In our December/January article, "Order in the Family," we said that Martin Luther King, Jr. was the older of 2 kids. He was actually the middle child in his family. He had an older sister and a younger brother.



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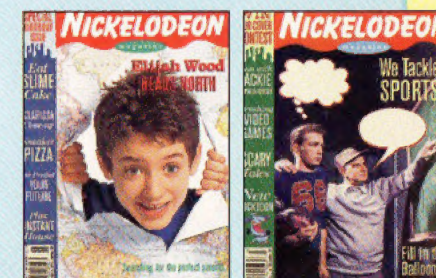
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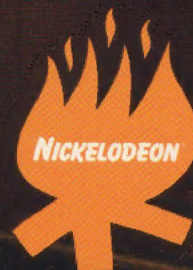
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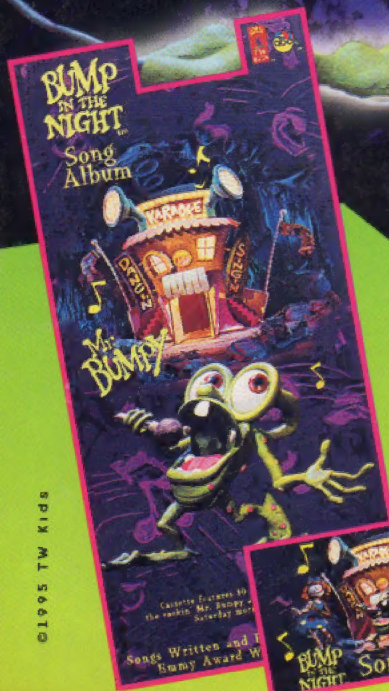
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